**TYPES OF CRIMES**

**Part A. Reading Check**. Read through the PDF of p. 382-386. Then answer the following questions.

1) What is a crime?

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2) How are felonies and misdemeanors different from each other? Give an example of each.

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3) What is the most common type of violent crime against persons? What does this crime mean?

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4) What is a hate crime?

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5) Most crimes committed in the US are crimes against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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6) How many burglaries, or illegal entry into someone’s home with the intent to steal something, are committed annually in the US?

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7) What are victimless crimes?

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8) Define “white collar crimes.”

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9) Describe at least four main causes of crime.

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10) What are two of the strategies for fighting crime that were included in the 1994 national crime bill?

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11) What are some things that citizens can do in their community to help to fight crime?

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**Part B. Categorizing**. What are the five major categories of crimes that the textbook defines? Give at least 3-4 examples for each type of crime.

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**Part C. Critical Thinking.** Use your critical thinking skills to answer the following questions based on what we’ve learned today.

12) Some people argue that there is no such thing as a victimless crime. Do you agree? Why or why not? Write at least three sentences.

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13) Of the potential causes of crime, which do you think is the most important, and why?

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14) Why do you think some citizens do not report crime?

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