**PUNISHMENTS**

**Directions**: Read the “Punishments” PDF and use the reading to answer the following questions.

1) How are misdemeanors and felonies punished differently?

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2) What factors determine a potential punishment for a crime?

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3) Of these factors, which do you think should be the most important, and why?

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4) How do jails differ from prisons?

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5) Do you think that parole is a good idea? Why or why not?

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6) Why is probation such a common punishment?

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7) Do you think that public shaming punishments are fair? Why or why not?

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8) The death penalty is reserved for only the worst of crimes, with a very detailed and complicated process to determine which criminals might be eligible for the death penalty for their crimes. Why do you think this is so?

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9) Which of the punishments that we’ve learned about do you think would be the most effective? Why?

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10) Walter and Jesse get into an argument that turns heated and violent, as Walter beats up Jesse so badly that Jesse dies from his injuries. Walter had not intended to kill Jesse, so he is charged and convicted with voluntary manslaughter. Walter has no prior record. In the state of Florida, voluntary manslaughter is punishable by a maximum of 15 years in prison, a fine of up to $10,000, or both. There is a mandatory minimum sentence of 9 years. If you were a judge, what penalty would you give to Walter, and why?

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