CRM 370 – Juvenile Justice

Sample Topics for the Research Paper

- Explain how children can suffer from crime in different ways than adults.
- Discuss the Theoretical Foundations of Crime and Delinquency.
- Discuss the Biological and Psychological Theories of Delinquency.
- Discuss the Sociological Theories of Delinquency.
- Discuss the Critical, Life-Course, and Integrated Theories.
- Illustrate how Female Delinquency is different from that of males.
- Describe the effects of divorce on delinquency, as well as the effects of social support, family conflict and the parents and siblings.
- Discuss the effects of poverty and juvenile delinquency.
- Discuss the role of The Family and its relationship to Delinquency.
- Discuss the goals of schools and the role of its relationship to delinquency.
- Youth Gangs and Delinquency
- Substance Abuse and delinquency
- The Police and Delinquency: police strategies to address juvenile delinquency, discretion and the police in dealing with juveniles, broken windows theory
- The Juvenile Court: Compare and contrast the taking of a juvenile into custody with the arrest of an adult.
- Discuss some reasons for the steady rise in juvenile cases since the 1960s and why the caseload dropped in the late 1990s.
- What are the advantages of a criminal court trial for juveniles?
- Should juveniles be sentenced to life in prison for heinous crimes?
- Juvenile corrections: Discuss jails and detention centers as the two basic short-term confinement options for juveniles.
- Discuss some of the alternative treatment programs offered to juveniles.
- Discuss the advantages or disadvantages in boot camps.
- Compare and contrast the differences between a jail and a juvenile detention center.