

## **Final Assignment – Critical Report on Contemporary Social Problems**

### **St. John's University – College Advantage Program**

#### **Introduction**

The purpose of this assignment is to help you define and understand what constitutes a social problem. By reading about problems you consider important, you develop a better awareness of your social world. You can choose a problem in your local community, in the nation, or a more global issue that affects everyone. Writing critically about the problem you select and attempting to develop solutions will help you clarify your own perspective and values. You will be able to look at how the problem originated and examine what can be done about it.

#### **Instructions**

1. Find 5 articles on a current social problem from a newspaper, magazine, or online news source.
2. Use the attached worksheet to analyze the social issue you have chosen.
3. Write a 2-page report about the social problem you have chosen (use the worksheet as an outline).
  - a. Paper should be 11-12 point font with 1-inch margins. Your work must be original—plagiarism will result in a zero.
4. Attach your worksheet and a bibliography (MLA format) to your paper.

#### **Grading**

You will be graded on your understanding of the social problem, your critical analysis of it based on the instructions, and your ability to communicate your thoughts in writing.



