

Professor: Patricia Johnson Coxx

Course(s): AFR 123-42/43, Justice, the Individual and Struggle in the African American Experience

Theme: *Stand Up for Your Rights!* Youth, Social Justice and the Law

Semester: Fall 2017

### **Sample Assignment #1:**

**Social Justice Bio Assignment:** Students receive the format and template related to their racial/ethnic background, community service, collaborative role with people from diverse backgrounds and are provided the opportunity to explore their academic goals and assess their personal growth prior to college. This assignment also serves as a catalyst to assist students with developing their communication skills with an outside audience. It also assists the FYS professor to informally assess writing skills and provide information integral to enhancing the learning environment.

### **FYS Outcome (Explicit):**

- Describe and compare their own relationship to significant issues of justice, in particular, relationships impacting the Africana community.
- Assess the effectiveness of their collaborative role with people of diverse backgrounds.

### **FYS Outcome (Implicit):**

- Identify problems and propose solutions through evidence-based inquiry.

### **Social Justice Bio Template:**

**Name:** Your first name, last name and nickname, if any.

**Major:** [If undecided, type undecided]

**Minor:** [If undecided, type undecided]

**High School** (Last attended/graduated) (or General Equivalency Diploma):

**Geographical Location:**

1. Write your **favorite quote and include the full name of the author.**
2. Add a **picture of yourself** that may be viewed by a prospective employer for an internship or career position.
3. Where did you grow up? **Explain your thoughts on Africana communities** and how where you grew up has shaped your thoughts related to African Americans.
4. **What has been the most memorable day of your life?** Explain in detail.
5. **Name an event that influenced the person you are today.** Explain in detail.
6. What is the **name of your favorite book?** Cite the full name of the book using APA Citation format.  
**Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year published). Book title (Edition). City, State: Publisher.**  
**Discuss why this is your favorite book.**

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7. What is your **favorite movie or television show**? Explain why.
8. Today, **what drives you to pursue your dreams**? If nothing drives you, explain why.
9. Who are your **role models**? Describe them and explain why. Note, they may be deceased.
10. **Do you have a mentor**? Describe your mentor and explain how this person became your mentor. If you do not have a mentor, describe what type of person you would like to mentor you.
11. As a Millennial (born after 1980), **what do you believe is the major issue impacting young people today**? Explain your answer.
12. **Why did you apply to John Jay College** of Criminal Justice? Explain your answer in detail.
13. **Have you chosen a career path** related to social justice, public service and/or law enforcement? If you have a different career path, explain.
14. **In ten years, where do you see yourself** or where would you like to see yourself with respect to your career and/or your own business? Explain in detail.
15. What is your **definition of social justice**? [Explain without using a definition that you retrieved on Google. Do not cut and paste your answer from an online source.] Describe what social justice means to you.
16. Name **three adjectives** that your friends, family, teachers and mentors have used to describe you.
17. If you could ask me **one question about this course**, what would it be?
18. **Name one famous person that majored or minored in Africana Studies or Black Studies?**
19. If you could **ask your classmates one question**, what would it be? How would you answer the same question?
20. Provide **one fun fact about the community** where you grew up or where you attended high school.