Law 12

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**U.S./Canadian Law Comparison Assignment**

Research and Report…create a written report that highlights your findings. Investigate, compare and contrast an issue of law as it relates to Canada and the USA (or any other country of your choice). This is considered a project! Not completing this project will significantly reduce your Term 2 grade.

You are free to focus your report on any of the following or an issue of your choice:

1. **Statistics**. Note interesting statistics and/or facts that illustrate our differing approaches to law. Some examples…

How do we compare to the U.S. in terms of our current crime statistics?

Should our system be more like theirs, or should their system be more like ours?

Use the example of an American city compared to a Canadian city (Vancouver versus Seattle) to support and illustrate your response.

2. **History**. How does our history create similarities and differences in our approach to law enforcement? Do we have different expectations of our systems?

3. **Media and the Law**. What effect has the media had on our views of our legal system?

Do Canadians have the same view of violence that U.S. citizens generally do?

4. **Gun Laws**. Why do Canadians have limited access to the ownership of weapons

while the "right to bear arms" is guaranteed in the U.S. constitution?

Research and report on gun laws and gun control in the U.S. and Canada. Use the most up-to-date statistics and sources you can find. State your opinion on whether gun control has a positive or negative effect on crime.

5. **Punishment.** Are the punishments for similar crimes the same in Canada compared to the United States? Explain the difference, and why this might be the case.

6. **Anything else you may find interesting… Death penalty, How racism impacts the justice system, etc.**

***5. Provide a proper MLA format bibliography on a separate attached sheet.***

***Be creative, investigate something that interests you, and demonstrate what you learned!***