

VICTIMS & THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Class Assignment 35 pts

Mystic River Analysis

- The assignment is due March 25th at the beginning of class.
 - NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
 - **Do not** e-mail me the assignment.
 - Read the questions **carefully**.
 - Please **type** your answers.
 - Your answers should not be a long summary or retelling of movie scenes.
 - The total number of points received will be based on the **accuracy and thoroughness** of your answers, **use of specific examples** from the movie, and **presentation** (e.g., grammar, spelling, organized thoughts).
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1. There were several **victims of crime** portrayed in the movie. Identify 4 of these victim-characters and **briefly** identify the type (s) of crime victimization they experienced. (the dead daughter does not count as a victim) (5 pts)
2. Select 2 of the victim characters you identified in question #1. Discuss their various reactions to their victimization. Include in your discussion specific psychological/emotional effects (as identified in texts and notes) that you can readily observe and use examples from the movie (e.g., statements the victim may have made, particular scenes, gestures, behavior, facial expressions) to illustrate your point. (15 pts)
3. How would you characterize the police officers' attitudes toward the various crime victims? Do not talk about the officers' policing or investigative skills or tactics. Rather, discuss their demeanor (e.g., sensitive, insensitive, accusatory, impatient, dismissive, indifferent, etc..) toward the victims. Provide examples from the movie to demonstrate your point. (10 pts)
4. Discuss the part (s) of the movie that you feel best illustrates the ongoing trauma experienced by victims of violence. (5 pts)