Extra Credit Assignments

Chapter 02

1. Discuss the terms correlation and causation, provide an example in your personal life, one a correlation and one a causation. For instance, suppose your attendance at Pittsburgh Steeler games results in a seven win and a zero loss record for the Steelers. Is this a correlation or a causation? Explain.

2. Have your students research the Stanford Prison Experiment and the Tearoom Trade Experiment. Briefly describe the experiments and discuss the ethical treatments of those involved.

4. Ask students to consider the variations theories of crime that are presented in the chapter. Which theory do students feel provides the best explanation for criminal offending, and why?

5. Ask students to consider current trends in criminal justice policy and practice. Can students identify the theories which provide the basis for each policy or practice? For example, which theory would be most closely related to increasingly harsh prison sentences for drug offenders?