**Article and book assessment**

For each article or book assigned, please answer the following questions. Try to keep your answers as parsimonious as possible.

**How to Read a Research Article**

1. What is the thesis or main idea of this article?
2. What is the hypothesis?
3. Briefly explain if the prior literature (reviewed in the article) supports this hypothesis?
4. What methods are used to test this hypothesis and are they qualitative or quantitative?
5. What are the results?
6. Do you believe that the authors draw reasonable conclusions about their findings? Why or why not?
7. What are the limitations of the study?
8. What is the intended audience of this article?
9. What does the article add to your knowledge of the subject?
10. What are the implications for criminal justice policy that can be derived from this article?

**How to Read a Scholarly Book**

1. What is the topic under investigation?
2. What is the thesis or main idea of this book?
3. Are there hypotheses? If so, what are they?
4. What does the prior literature (reviewed in the books) say about this topic?
5. Does the book present an empirical study or theoretical argument?
6. What are the findings/theoretical conclusions?
7. Do you believe that the author draws reasonable conclusions?
8. Are there any significant limitations to the authors’ conclusions?
9. Who is the intended audience of this book?
10. Briefly summarize what this book adds to your knowledge of this subject.
11. What are the implications for criminal justice policy that can be derived from the main thesis/findings presented in this book?