

## HOMEWORK READINGS TO PREPARE BEFORE SESSION 3



### A. WRITE

1. Write an essay based on one of the topics listed in the previous session.
  - Write a one page to half page essay.
  - Use full sentences and proper punctuation and grammar.
  - Try to use some of the new vocabulary you learned.
2. Create an outline before you write. Your tutor can help you create an outline for your essay.
3. Email in your essay. Your essay will be graded. Your tutor will help you understand the corrections after class during the tutoring session.



### PART B. READ

#### Instructions

1. Before attending the next session in the classroom, you should finish your homework readings.
2. The texts for this session look at the motherhood in prison.

There are 2 texts that you can choose to read.

- **Mothers in Prison; Coping with Separation from Children**
- **Narrating Mother Identities from Prison (optional reading for readers who want to be challenged).**

#### 3. Understanding the texts.

- a) First read the Abstract or Introduction and the Summary or Conclusion of each text. What are they arguing?
  - b) Can you tell how the text is organized? Look at subtitles.
  - c) You will find a table on the pages following that helps you to dissect the text you are reading. You can also use highlighters or another method or chart to dissect the text so you can remember and understand what you read.
4. Do the Check your Understanding questions. Email in your answers. Your tutor will help you mark the questions after class.
  5. When you come into class you will need to be prepared to discuss the question below.

**"How can mothers maintain their identities while in prison? "**



**From Victim to Survivor to Offender: Where is Justice?**



**PART B. 1. READ THE ARTICLE " Mothers in Prison; Coping with Separation from Children"**

1. Read the article. You can use the table below to take jot notes help you organize your thoughts as you read.

Describe the effect of incarceration on children.	
<b>Arrangements for Custody of Children</b>	
<b>Attachment / Bond</b>	
<b>Behavioral Problems</b>	
<b>Parental tasks</b>	



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Describe the effects of incarceration on mothers.	
Emotional Health	
Family Relationships	



### CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Write all answers in full sentences in your notebook.

- 1) What is the percentage of women who are incarcerated a) who are mothers? b) who are pregnant?

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- 2) What is the effect of incarceration on children?

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3) What is the effect of incarceration on mothers?

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4) What solutions does this paper propose?

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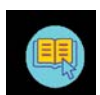
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# From Victim to Survivor to Offender: Where is Justice?



## PART B. 1. READ THE ARTICLE "NARRATING MOTHER IDENTITY FROM PRISON"

1. Read the article. You can use the table below to take jot notes help you organize your thoughts as you read. This is optional and a more challenging read. It uses a lot of terminology used in psychology but don't be intimidated. Look up any terms you don't know.

Describe each of these challenges to mothering.	
Mental health	
Poverty (worsening socioeconomic status)	
Stigma	
Social expectations of mothers	
Difficulty communication and visiting	
Loss of power	
Ambiguous loss	



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Describe the three types of identities mother assume.	
Same mom	
Modified mom	
Suspended mom	



### CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Write all answers in full sentences in your notebook.

1. What is meant by creating a self-narrative or a narrative identity (or creating self-meaning)?

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2. a) What challenges do these mothers face?

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b) How are their identities threatened?

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c) Do they abandon their maternal identities? Explain.

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d) How do they reconstruct their identities?

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3. Describe each of the possible identities these mothers could assume.

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Modified mom

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Suspended mom

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