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English 103

Avoiding Plagiarism Activity

Part 1: Evaluation

Instructions: First, read the following original passage from *Orange Is the New Black* by Piper Kerman:

"Great institutions have great leaders who are proud of what they do, and who engage with everyone who makes up those institutions, so each person understands their role. But our jailers are generally granted near-total anonymity, like the cartoon executioner who wears a hood to conceal his identity. What is the point, what is the reason, to lock people away for years, when it seems to mean so very little, even to the jailers who hold the key? How can a prisoner understand their punishment to have been worthwhile to anyone, when it's dealt with in a way so offhand and indifferent?" (293).

Then, read the following excerpt from a student paper.

Piper Kerman questions the criminal justice system. She wants to know what is the point of locking people away for years when it seems to mean so very little even to the jailers who hold the key (Kerman).

Answer the following questions: To what extent did the student avoid plagiarism? Did they cite Kerman's work properly? How (if at all) should they change the citation?

Part 2: Application

Instructions: Write a properly cited sentence using a direct quote from the passage below. Be sure to use MLA style. For the purposes of this assignment, you do not have to create a Works Cited page (although you would if you were writing a complete paper).

"Lack of empathy lies at the heart of every crime--certainly my own--yet empathy is the key to bringing a former prisoner back into the fold of society. What happens in our prisons is completely within the community's control. The public expects sentences to be punitive but also rehabilitative; however, what we expect and what we get from our prisons are very different things. The lesson that our prison system teaches its residents is how to survive as a prisoner, not as a citizen--not a very constructive body of knowledge for us or the communities to which we return."

Author: Piper Kerman

Title: Orange Is the New Black

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