**Opening Independent Reflection**

Homework Heading

**needs only Your Name**

1. (6-8 sentence response) Define a *society*? Why do you think being a part of society is essential to your humanity?

2. (6-8 sentence personal reflection)— Does a person act differently in different societies? Why/How? Do you?

3. (8+ sentences) Whose responsibility is it when a society doesn’t work? Consider your answers above- does this change in different societies? Defend.

4. Answer the five (5) questions below on any news story (*four different topics, please*) **one** from each of the four (4) listed websites. To be clear, you will have 20 answers in total here. Complete all of one article at a time. The articles that you select should report on some injustice (*however you choose to define that*). Be careful that it’s an injustice and not just a tragedy (hate crime *v* earthquake).

**Do one website/article at a time, answering all five questions**.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/> [www.aljazeera.com/humanrights/](http://www.aljazeera.com/humanrights/)

[www.independent.co.uk/news](http://www.independent.co.uk/news) <http://www.atimes.com/>

1. In a few sentences, summarize what is going on and where.
2. What is the injustice? In a few sentences, explain why you consider it an injustice.
3. Which of the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching is being violated?

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>

1. In realistic terms, what can be done to resolve the injustice? By whom?
2. In a few sentences, discuss whether you think American news agencies would have reported this event and whether it would have been from the same perspective.

5. How does the media’s coverage of social injustice impact us? *Try to respond in both a positive and a negative sense.*

Acceptable work will have at least 750 words (without these directions) or 1100 words (with these directions). Post your work, with a similarity score of 30% or less, by the start of class on Monday, January 13th to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com).