**VIGILANTE JUSTICE**

Some of the most popular characters in fiction are individuals who take the law into their own hands. However, in the real world this issue is much more complex. Sometimes vigilantes go too far in their desire for revenge and in some tragic cases, innocent people are harmed.

**Part 1**: Look up and give the formal definition of the terms below

-Vigilante

-Lynching

-Justice

**Part 2**: Research the cases/individuals below and answer the following questions for each case/individual. A good search hint is to type in the names with the words “vigilante justice.”

1. Describe the event, what happened?

2. Were the vigilantes held responsible for their actions?

3. Do you think the vigilantes were justified in their actions? Explain and justify your opinion.

1. Bernhard Goetz
2. Leo Frank
3. Gary Sellers & Robert Bell
4. Santos Ramos
5. Thomas Thurmond & John Holmes
6. Michael Mullen (not the military commander)
7. Prell Gilton & Lupe Mercado
8. Mack Charles Parker
9. Ken McElroy
10. Andre Bamberski

**Part 3**: Critical Thinking, answer each question and provide an explanation of your thoughts

1. When, if ever, is it appropriate to become a vigilante?

2. Why would law enforcement officials want to discourage vigilantes?

3. Vigilante characters, like Batman, are incredibly popular in our culture. Why do you think vigilantes appeal to so many people?

Your paper may be neatly handwritten, typed and printed, or typed and e-mailed/shared on OneDrive. Late work will not receive full credit, use you class time wisely.