

Groupings of books	Themes to be explored
Martinez Garland Taylor	At some level of “community” each of these books says something about why crime changes over time in a community. What is each book’s primary explanation? What are key differences?
Martinez Messner & Rosenfeld St. Jean	At some level of “community” each of these books says something about why crime is higher in one place as compared to another. What is each book’s primary explanation?
Venkatesh Martinez	In what ways do the details about people living in the Robert Taylor homes, as described by Venkatesh, align with some of the points that Martinez makes about the differences between African-American and Hispanic urban communities? In what ways do the details go against Martinez’ description of how Hispanic and African-American urban communities differ?
Garland M&R Martinez	Garland develops a complex concept of a particular type of “culture” when describing US and UK responses to the current crime “situation.” Messner and Rosenfeld also talk about culture as a cause of crime. Highlight some of the key differences between these two treatments of culture and the connection of culture to crime. In what ways do the arguments of Martinez (seek to) refute both of these?
M&R St. Jean Venkatesh Martinez	If you think of community as being anything from a small place like a street block or a public housing building, up to a nation, of the various theories presented about why crime is higher in some places than others, which theory do you find has the strongest implications for prevention and why?