**Iverson**

Today, we’re going to watch a part of a documentary about NBA Hall of Famer Allen Iverson. He is considered one of the greatest players of all time, but this documentary – or the part that we’re going to watch – is not about his career. This documentary is about his troubling childhood and how he ended up in prison at the age of 18.

This assignment consists of two parts, parts A and B. **You will do assignment A while watching the documentary.** The assignment consists of questions on the video. **You will do assignment B after watching the documentary and these questions surround a certain theme.** A theme you must discover while watching. You will get some time to do assignment B in class and you will have to finish it at home.

Part A

1. What two different opinions do the kids in the beginning of the video have on Allen Iverson?

**Opinion 1:**

**Opinion 2:**

2. What word does Allen Iverson use to describe his feelings on his decision to retire?

3. How did Iverson feel about his father being in and out of jail for most of Iverson’s life?

4. What reason did Iverson give the kids in his neighbourhood for not doing cocaine with them?

5. What is Allen Iverson’s nickname?

6. What was Linda Rogers’ role in Iverson’s life?

7. Who does Gary Moore compare Allen Iverson to?

**Person 1:**

**Person 2:**

8. Why did Iverson fail 8th grade?

9. What was the reason Gary Moore pushed Iverson onto the windshield of a car?

10. How does Janet Bailey describe Iverson’s behaviour at school?

11. How many people were injured in the bowling alley incident?

12. What does Janet Bailey say about Iverson’s friends?

13. What two reasons were given by Iverson’s friend on why they defended him during the incident?

**Reason 1:**

**Reason 2:**

14. What was going to be the consequence if Iverson didn’t go to the police station to get his pictures taken?

15. When did Iverson and Gary Moore (Mo) realise that things were going downhill at court?

There is one particular theme/issue that is displayed throughout the whole documentary. **What is this theme/issue (16.) ? ........................................................**

Part B

Part B focuses on the theme/issue mentioned in the final question of Part A.

1. *“If you knew what he had on that night, you saw him leaving on that tape ..... but of course that never got brought up.”*

Why do you think Allen’s friend uses the word of course in this sentence?

2A. At one point in the documentary, James Ellenson (Iverson’s attorney) mentions how Iverson wasn’t given a (bail) bond. Generally, this only happens with certain type of criminals. What is the name of this group of criminals?

2B. Look up what crimes someone must commit to be placed in this group and write those crimes down.

2C. How do you feel about the fact that Allen wasn’t give a (bail) bond? Do you think it is fair?

3. Read the [article](https://sites.google.com/a/micds.org/townsley-race-and-racism/home/1990s). The article describes the situation surround the issue in the 1990s – in 1993, the bowling alley incident took place. Do you feel that the situation has changed? Use at least 2 recent event/example to illustrate your answer. In the next class, you will have to briefly explain your answer to this question.