

2021 National Legal Research Teach-In Kit

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State Statutes Assignment

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These activities were used in multiple sections of an asynchronous basic research course during the Fall of 2020. Included is the practice problem, the discussion board prompt, a screenshot of one of the discussion boards, and a partial sample answer.

For this weekly assignment the students were given a research problem. They then were directed to a discussion board prompt where they were asked to go to the free [Kialo website](#) and post pro and con arguments. The following week we posted a partial answer, which they then could use to compare their work. It also sped up the time involved for providing individual feedback.

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Class 6 Discussion Board Prompt:

To hone your skills in being able to see the arguments on both sides of a case, you will be using Kialo to post pro and con arguments to the problem you researched for class this week. Click on the Kialo invite link below to access the discussion. Then post one argument on the pro side stating why you think Mr. Surley DID commit the crime of aggravated assault and battery and then post one argument on the con side stating why you think Mr. Surley DID NOT commit aggravated assault and battery.

If you'd like, your post can be in response to someone else's post (e.g. your con post can be in response to another classmate's pro post or your pro post can be in response to a classmate's con post). Your posts do not need to be long but do need to show that you've thought about the issues.

The posts are due by Oct. 7 by 11:59 pm.

Invite link: (Removed for privacy)

Just a reminder, there is a video below the discussion board link in class module 4 that provides a basic overview on using Kialo. To access the Kialo discussion board, you need to create an account at kialo-edu.com and then click on the invite link above.

There are two reasons we are using Kialo.

1. The main purpose is to become familiar with Kialo. We will be using it for part of the midterm.
2. The secondary purpose is to provide a platform for you to share research ideas and your analysis of the issue with your classmates. I hope that you are able to learn from each other as you share your arguments.