Assignment: "Broken Windows"

Directions: Answer the following after reading the article "Broken Windows."

1) Describe the 2 sides of the argument on the effectiveness of "foot patrols" in policing.

2) According to the article, what do the people of Newark "fear" more, "real crime" or "disorder"? Why?

3) Social psychologists and police officers tend to agree that if a window in a building is broken and is left unrepaired, what will happen to the rest?
       What difference occurs in nice neighborhoods versus run-down ones?

4) What was the difference between the Zambardo car in the Bronx versus the car in Palo Alto? What is the reason for the difference?

5) Describe the sequence of events that happens once unintended behavior leads to a breakdown of community controls.

6) What is the real fear of graffiti? What does graffiti represent?

7) What are the differences an officer in a patrol car versus one walking on the street?

8) Describe the difference between "order-maintenance" and "law-enforcement."

9) How has the shift from "order-maintenance" to "law-enforcement" changed the nature of the police and their dealing with the public?

10) Explain the complexities that exist with gangs-police-residents of the Robert Taylor Homes in Chicago.

11) What is the effect of "community watchmen"?

12) In what ways is a uniformed officer important (think "by stander effect")?

13) What method is suggested by the article to determine how many police are needed in an area and how they are best used?

14) Summarize the main idea of the article.

15) Consider the community of Agoura Hills. Evaluate the use and effectiveness of law enforcement in the community.