Often times what is seen on TV does not represent “real life”. It is important that you understand this before you proceed in the course. In this assignment you will read 2 different articles and answer questions on CSI versus Reality! Be sure to record your answers in a DIFFERENT COLOR.

Part I: The ‘CSI’ Effect by Richard Willing


1. Why did defense attorney Hirschhorn want people who watched CSI as jurors for his client Mr. Durst?
2. What percentage of people in the jury pool watched CSI or similar shows?
3. What “mistaken notion” do programs such as CSI promote?
4. What complaint do defense lawyers have about CSI type shows?
5. What complaint do prosecutors have about CSI type shows?
6. Give 2 examples of how the CSI effect has been “felt beyond the courtroom”.
7. The article states that the “main fault” of shows such as CSI is that “The science is always above reproach.” Explain what that means in your own words.

Part II: Prime-Time Crime TV Exposed by Dan Skantar

http://www.firearmsid.com/Feature%20Articles/crimeTV/crimeTV.htm

1. What are the 2 critical roles a forensic scientist plays?
2. Complete the table.

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