TEXT: Kadish, Schulhofer, Steiker & Barkow, Criminal Law and Its Processes (9th edition) For our first few classes, we will be discussing why we punish and what we punish, i.e., justification of punishment and legality. Therefore, please read pages 82-96, 111-117, and 120-130 (in Chapter 2) and pages 149 - 179 (chapter 3) in the text. I realize that it is a lot of reading; however, we will be having integrated discussions about crime and punishment during those classes and it is important to understand the relationship between whether certain conduct is criminal conduct and whether or not the punishment meted out was deserved, i.e., just. To ease your reading burden, you should start with pp 149 – 179; focus on the FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES that formed the bases of the alleged criminal acts for each case, and what FACTS the courts deemed significant in making their determinations.

I will distribute a syllabus for the semester during our first class.