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Linking it Together Assignment

Chapter 10 (Incarceration)

In this chapter emphasis was placed on prisons having a direct link with the past. For instance, some of today's prisons have been constructed over 100 years ago. However, they no longer function solely with the goal of punishing offenders the way they did in the past. Today, while the objective has centered on using retribution as a tool to punish offenders, the prisons themselves have taken on a different look.

Since the middle of the 20th century, there have been a total of three models on incarceration. The first is the custodial model which focuses more on security, discipline, and order. The second is the rehabilitation model which seeks to offer programs designed to assist offenders with gaining the skills that are essential for their reintegration back out to society. Finally, is the reintegrative model which centers around placing offenders in prisons designed to help making their transition a seamless process.

Prisons are divided into the Federal and State levels. The offenders are placed in these institutions based on their classification. This could range from either maximum, medium or minimum. These three categories help with the placement of offenders whose crimes range from murder to bank fraud. Some of these offenders very old and sick so they are housed in facilities that help meet their needs.