

## Diffusion of Responsibility Homeworks

Note! Homework number 1 is intense. It describes the details of a rape. If this assignment doesn't work for you, let me know and I am more than happy to provide an alternative.

1. Read pgs. 93-98 in *Opening Skinner's Box* and complete the following:
  - a. Identify the number of people who witnessed the Genovese murder and explain how they responded to the crime.
  - b. How did the nation respond to the crime when they heard about it through the *New York Times*? And what type of law was proposed to stop this from happening in the future?
  - c. What was Renee Claire Fox's explanation for why witnesses responded the way they did? Do you agree with this explanation or not? Why?
  
2. Read pgs. 98-104 in *Opening Skinner's Box* and complete the following:
  - a. Explain how the Darley and Latane seizure study was set up and performed. (NOTE: you will be asked to act out this experiment in class, so make sure you know the answer to this question!)
  - b. Explain the results of the study. Include how the number of people in the group affected helping behavior. Be specific in terms of percentages. Also explain the importance of 3 minutes.
  - c. Explain how the Darley and Latane smoke study was set up and performed. Also explain the results of the study.
  
3. Read pgs. 104 (bottom) -111 and complete the following:
  - a. Explain how bartenders can get more tips and what underlying psychological concept is at play here.
  - b. What is the Werther effect, and what are some statistics that support this idea?
  - c. Explain Beaman's discovery. Is it good that you are learning about this stuff? Why?
  - d. List the 5 stages of helping behavior.