

## **Self-Study on Relationship/Dating Violence\***

Choose one of the assignments below. You will be presenting your work/findings in class. You will have no more than 2 minutes to present your work to the class. You may use one note card or visual aid during your presentation. However, you may not read the entire presentation from your card. This presentation will be part of your final grade so be prepared and confident.

**Assignment #1: Website Reviewer for Your High School Newspaper.** Select a website about dating and relationships and/or teen dating violence. Write a thorough review of this website for your high school newspaper. Your goal is to tell your readers about the site in terms of the format of the site and the types of information and services it provides. You then give your opinion about the site and whether you recommend it or not and why. (400 word minimum).

**Assignment #2: Research on a Topic of Your Choice related to Dating or Dating Violence.** Research a subtopic of dating violence and write a paper about your findings. You must include your personal thoughts as well as factual information about the topic. Printout and attach your sources. (Minimum of two reputable sources must be used). (400 word minimum)

Suggested Topics: Internet Safety and Dating

Dating Violence in the Technology Age – (Text Messaging, cell phones, IM)

Dating Violence in the gay and lesbian relationships

Teens legal rights to obtaining restraining orders (a.k.a. “Orders of Protections”)

How to help a friend or family member who is a victim of dating violence.

Stalking (Laws, Definition and What to do if you are being stalked)

Male Victims of Dating Violence

Dating Violence on College Campuses

Reasons People Abuse and Help for Abusers

Ending Relationships (Breaking-up) – Creating a Safety Plan

**Assignment #3: Ad Campaign.** Design a magazine advertisement or poster (no larger than 16 x 20) about dating violence or healthy dating relationships aimed at high school students. Your ad should be neat, easy to read, creative, accurate and suitable for posting in the classroom. You must write a rationale for why you chose the topic you did, how you arrived at the idea, and why you feel it will be an effective ad campaign. Include a works cited page (bibliography). Please tape this write up to the back of your ad. Your name and other personal information should not appear on the front of the poster.

**Assignment #4: Poem or Song.** Write and perform an original poem or song about healthy relationships or teen dating violence.

**Assignment #5: Create and Perform Short skits about Healthy Relationships and/or Teen Dating Violence.** This option can include up to four people. However, all must be equally involved in writing and performing the short play.