**Read the words in the first column below. For each word, rate your current knowledge of the word by putting an X in one of the other columns. Don’t worry if there are words you don’t know right now, we are going to be discussing them as a class!**

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| **Words/Phrases** | **I know the words well, can explain it, and use it** | **I know something about the words and can relate them to a situation** | **I have seen or heard the words** | **I do not know the words** |
| Alternative to imprisonment |  |  |  |  |
| Bail |  |  |  |  |
| Convict/ Conviction |  |  |  |  |
| Criminal Justice |  |  |  |  |
| Mandatory Minimum Sentence |  |  |  |  |
| Prison System |  |  |  |  |
| Structural Racism |  |  |  |  |

**Pick 1-2 words to (a) define or (b) describe a connection you made. If you didn’t know the words or haven’t seen them before, you can skip this section.**

**Word: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Word: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Read each of these statements and make a mark on the line showing how much you agree or disagree. Then, write down the reason for your opinion.**

1. The criminal justice system in the United States is fair for all people.

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| Strongly agree | Strongly disagree |

Why I think this:

1. Everyone who commits a crime should receive the same punishment, no matter their history or the circumstances of the crime.

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| Strongly agree | Strongly disagree |

Why I think this:

1. Sending someone to jail is the only way to punish them for committing a crime.

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| Strongly agree | Strongly disagree |

Why I think this:

1. Having more people in prison makes the country a safer place to live.

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| Strongly agree | Strongly disagree |

Why I think this: