Introduction to Law and the Legal System  Assignment Week 1 Week of 1/28/2013

The Shipwrecked Sailors

1. Should Dudley and Stephens be tried for murder?

2. As an attorney for Dudley and Stephens, (separate them) what arguments would you make on their behalf?

3. As an attorney for the state what arguments would you make on the state’s behalf?

4. If they are convicted, what should their punishment be?

5. What purpose would be served by convicting Dudley and Stephens?

6. What is the relationship between the law and morality in this case? Was it morally wrong for Dudley and Stephens to kill Brooks? Explain your answer.

7. Can an act be legal but immoral? Give at least two examples.

8. Can an act be morally right but unlawful? Give at least two examples.

1. Click on the text that reads the Two Tales of Disasters.
2. Read about the two tales of disaster, The Donner Party and the Andes Plane Crash
3. Summarize the two cases and then list the similarities and differences.
4. How do the cases compare to the Shipwrecked Sailor case?

Two Tales of Disasters (Each of these articles have two pages, be sure you read both.)

Donner Party http://www.infoplease.com/spot/donner1.html#axzz0yNyEckzy

Andes Plane Crash http://www.infoplease.com/spot/donner3.html#axzz0yNyJUA1k