Activity 4: Crime Rates in the US.

Using the graphs provided, respond to the following questions.

Figure 1)	e 1 What does this graph illustrate?
2)	Identify the years that violent crimes decreased.
3)	Identify the years that violent crimes increased.
4)	How might these changes be explained? What data can you locate to support your answer?
Figure 1)	e 2 What does this graph illustrate?
2)	Identify the years that property crimes decreased.
3)	Identify the years that property crimes increased.

4	How might these changes be explained? What data can you locate to support your answer?		
Compare Figure 1 and 2			
1) What similarities do you notice?		
2) Differences?		
3) What might account for these similarities and differences?		
Figur 1	e <u>3</u>) On a map, locate each of the cities. In general, where are the cities located in general?		
2	Are the biggest cities in the US represented on this graph?		
3) What explanations might account for the crime rates in the cities?		
4	Does anything surprise you? What and why?		
Figure 4			
1) What year(s) were incarcerations highest?		
2) What year(s) were incarcerations lowest?		
3	Does anything surprise you? What and why?		

Comparing Data

1)	Compare the incarceration rates with the violent (figure 1) and property (figure 2) crime rates. What conclusions might you draw from the comparisons?
2)	Is there other information that you might like to have to understand the data better?
3)	How might the data be used to improve local communities?