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Beautiful Sentence. Dir. Suzanne Cohen. United Kingdom, 2010. Film.

This short documentary features the effect a creative writing class, led by poet Leah Thorn, has on inmates in HMP Bronzefield, a high-security women's prison in England. Some of the women's poems and stories are read aloud, which allows viewers to better understand the state of mind some of the inmates are in. The documentary also gives a glimpse into life inside the prison.

From, Susan B. "Opening the Doors of Opportunity for Women in Jail." *American Jail* 22.1 (2008):25-31. Web. 8 May 2014.

This article discusses the issues and challenges that the majority of the women face after being released from prison. The article cites research done by the Women's Prison Association (WPA), a nonprofit and advocacy organization based in New York. The WPA suggests that "cross-systems collaboration" is needed in order to provide women with the resources they need to succeed in life after prison. The problem of what women should do or women they could go after being released is echoed in *Orange is the New Black* by Piper Kerman and also *A World Apart* by Christina Rathbone.

Kerman, Piper. *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*. New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2010. Print.

Piper Kerman gives an account of her experiences in a women's prison in Danbury, Connecticut. During her 15 month sentence, she forms several close friendships with the other inmates and learns about how to survive in a prison. This memoir is a first-person account of her experiences.

Rathbone, Christina. *A World Apart: Women, Prison, and Life Behind Bars*. New York: Random House, 2005. Print.

Christina Rathbone is a journalist who gains entry into Massachusetts Correctional Institution- Framingham (MCI Framingham) to interview several women about their lives before prison, and their experiences during their time in prison. Rathbone's research on MCI Framingham includes the history of the institution, the previous wardens and how they ran the prison, and a history of women incarceration. Her interviews with the women reveal how experiences can differ even if the women are at the same prison.

"*Women in Prison*." American Civil Liberties Union, n.d. Web. 8 May 2014.

The American Civil Liberties Union has a webpage dedicated to women in prison with some statistics on the number of women imprisoned and some consequences. The webpage contains some links to relevant news articles about female prisoners. Of note are links to personal stories of women describing how they landed in jail and what their experiences were during and after release.

Summers, Tammica L. "Another Day Series." *Women and Prison*. n.d. Web. 8 May 2014.

Tammica L. Summers is currently a prisoner at Broward Correctional Institution in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Her poem, "Another Day Series," describes the monotony of life in

prison and her anxiety and longing at the thought of being released. Some days she seems a more hopeful and optimistic and some days she just wants to give up. Summers' poem gives insight to the conflicting thoughts that prisoners may have.