**Write** a 1,000- to 1,500-word paper to the community explaining the restorative justice process. Include the following in your paper:

* Explain the process of restorative justice and why it is used in the criminal justice system.
* Explain how the damage of a crime can go beyond the immediate victim.
* Describe how the restorative justice process differs from contemporary criminal justice processes.
* Reflect on how the restorative justice process can benefit the offender, the victim and the community.

**Format** your paper consistent with APA guidelines