

Accounting Ethics Project

You will choose from the following accounting scandals to complete this project:

WASTE MANAGEMENT SCANDAL (1998)

ENRON SCANDAL (2001)

WORLDCOM SCANDAL (2002)

TYCO SCANDAL (2002)

HEALTHSOUTH SCANDAL (2003)

FREDDIE MAC (2003)

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (AIG) SCANDAL (2005)

LEHMAN BROTHERS SCANDAL (2008)

SATYAM SCANDAL (2009)

Monday Assignment - Research and write down the following information:

What is the background of the company?

- a. What do they do/sell?
- b. How long had they been around before the fraud?
- c. Are they publicly traded?
- d. Who monitors/oversees/regulates that company?

Tuesday Assignment – Research and write down the following information:

Explain the fraudulent activity

- a. What happened? What was the accounting fraud that took place?
- b. How long did the fraud take place?
- c. How was it discovered?
- d. Did the government/courts get involved?

Wednesday Assignment – Research and write down the following information:

What were the consequences?

- a. Consequences for the employees involved?
- b. Consequences for the company as a whole?
- c. Did the government implement any changes due to the fraud that was found with your company?

Thursday Assignment – Research and write down the following information:

- a. How would you define Business Ethics?
- b. How does the business world define business ethics (please cite website used)?
- c. What are some ideas you have that businesses could implement to increase awareness of business ethics within their work culture?

Friday Assignment: Are there any other interesting facts you would like to include? You will create a PowerPoint OR write a 2 page paper that addresses the above mentioned questions. If you do not have access to a computer, you may also choose to handwrite your paper. You will make a 5 minute presentation to teach the class about your specific case once we return to school.

The project will be graded as follows when we return to school:

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_____/20 Explain the fraudulent activity

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_____/15 What were the consequences?

- h. For the employees involved?
- i. For the company as a whole?
- j. Did the government implement any changes due to the fraud that was found with your company?

_____/5 Any other interesting facts you would like to include.

Total Score _____/ 55