

## Crime and Punishment: Unit 3 - Crime and Punishment in 18th and 19th Century Britain (1700-1900)

Term	Definition
1. Highway Robbery	The increasing trade in and out of big cities required more carriages on the roads. As many of the roads were poor surfaces gangs began to attack isolated carriages on the outskirts of big cities.
2. Poaching	Large gangs began to travel to the countryside to take game and sell the meat back in the towns and cities. As a result, gamekeepers were employed to protect the animals on large estates.
3. Smuggling	Smuggling was not a new crime. Items smuggled included tea, coffee and spices. It was incredibly hard for the authorities to monitor the entire coast and smugglers were often seen as Robin Hood characters.
4. Tolpuddle Martyrs	This group set up a trade union to protect rural workers. An old Naval law was used to arrest them and to transport them to Australia. After unrest and protest they were officially pardoned.
5. The Fielding brothers	The Fielding Brothers set up the Bow Street Runners, a group of professional thief takers. They were based in Bow Street, London. Their regular horse patrol helped to end highway robbery.
6. Transportation	One punishment from this time was to take prisoners to countries, e.g. America and then Australia, for forced labour. This was unpopular in these countries but lowered the use of the death penalty.
7. John Howard	Howard visited prisons in England and Wales. He was shocked at what he saw, in particular the 'school of crime' where vulnerable people learnt from more hardened inmates.
8. Elizabeth Fry	A Quaker who visited Newgate Prison. Fry was shocked at the treatment of female prisoners. She introduced a knitting school to give the women skills when they left prison.
9. Pentonville prison	This was the prototype of the new separate system. Prisoners were to be give exercise and Church services but would spend their entire day isolated. It helped to end the 'school of crime'.
10. Robert Peel	Robert Peel introduced both the separate system in prisons and the Metropolitan Police force in London. These both remain important changes to punishment and law enforcement.