

Crime and punishment

Knowledge organiser

Year 6

Time can be split into **ages**. Crime and punishment was **different** from age to age:

Romans	Anglo-Saxons	Tudors	Stuarts	Georgians	Victorians	New Millennium
--------	--------------	--------	---------	-----------	------------	----------------

Key vocabulary

 crime	 accuse	 invention
 punish	 evidence	 organise
 law	 France	 separate
 deter	 consequence	 crowded
 severe	 countryside	 reform
 innocent	 harsh	 official
 guilty	 drown	 record
 witness	 execution	 prevent
 victim	 patrol	 modern

Roman Britain



When the Romans **invaded**, they already had established laws which were brought over to Britain. Their laws were called the **Twelve Tables** and were written around **450 BCE**. The **court system** used in Roman Britain is still used today.

DUODECIM TABULAE



Anglo-Saxon period

When a **Trial by Jury** couldn't decide if someone was **innocent** or **guilty** they would have a special test called a **Trial by Ordeal**. They believed God would show everyone if they were telling the truth. The Trial by Ordeal would take place in a **church** and there were **different types** of Trial by Ordeal: **trial by hot iron**, **trial by cold water**, **trial by hot water**, and **trial by blessed bread**



1215

The barons made the unpopular **King John** agree to the **Magna Carta**. This was a list of rules that everyone must follow including the king. Everyone must now have a **fair trial**.



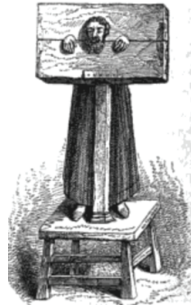
The Stuart period



During the **Stuart period**, women were accused of **witchcraft** and subjected to horrific **tests and trials**. They were usually **punished by hanging or being burnt at the stake**!

The Tudor period

During the **Tudor period**, **harsher punishments** were introduced. These punishments included **execution or embarrassment**.



Georgian Britain

In this period, people travelled more which meant more people were **robbed on the roads**. The **highwaymen** took money and jewellery from **rich travellers**. To try to stop the highwaymen, **hanging** was introduced as the punishment for this crime.



The Victorian era

During the Victorian period, **prisons** were reformed and became more organised. Some prisoners were made to carry out hard labour, either **turning a crank, walking on a treadwheel or oakham picking**.



The police

During the **Victorian period**, the first **police force** was set up in Britain. In the modern era, the police use technology like **computers and body cameras** to help them catch criminals.

