

Crime and Punishment Through the Ages

Key Vocabulary

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| bobbies/ peelers | Police officers, named after Sir Robert Peel, who introduced the first police force in London in 1829. |
| deterrent | To discourage someone from doing something. |
| execution | A sentence of death. |
| highwaymen | Criminals who would rob people while they were travelling. This was very common during the Stuart and Georgian periods. |
| humiliation | To make someone feel ashamed and foolish. |
| judge | Someone who is in charge of a trial in court. |
| jury | A group of people who would listen to the facts in a trial and decide if the person is guilty or not guilty. |
| ordeal | A long and painful experience. |
| treason | A crime against the King, Queen or the government. |
| victim | A person who has suffered. |
| trial | A judge and jury listen to evidence in a court to decide whether a person is guilty of a crime. |

The Tudor period

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



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** became more organised. Some prisoners were made to carry out hard labour, either **turning a crank or walking on a treadwheel**!



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.



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

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