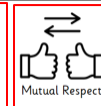


Year 6 Knowledge Organiser Spring

'How has Crime and Punishment changed over time in Britain?'



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

Romans Anglo-Saxons Tudors Stuarts Victorians New Millennium

The Romans



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 Anglo-Saxons

The **Saxons** lived by a **payment system** called **wergild**. If somebody had committed a crime, they had to pay **compensation to the victims**. They also had to complete **trials of ordeals**, which were **extremely painful** and usually involved hot water and fire.



During the Roman **Empire**, the emperor became the final source of law.

Legacy: The legacy of Roman crime and punishment continues to influence the current legal system in Britain.



Trial by Jury

Beliefs: Religious change was the main cause of crime in the 16th and 17th century. Failures to follow changes

The Tudors

During the **Tudor period**, harsher punishments were introduced that involved **mutilation, execution, humiliation** and **fines**. People were also punished and executed for not following the religion of the time.



The Stuarts

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 Victorians

During the **Victorian period**, the first police force was set up in Britain. **Public hangings were stopped in 1868** and the **prison system** became organised and professional.



.Vocabulary

court	A group of people presided over by a judge who acts upon criminal cases
crime	An illegal act for which someone can be punished. An act harmful to an individual, community or state.
custody	Being held in prison before court
deter	To discourage or prevent something from happening
homicide	Killing another human
incriminate	To show involvement in a crime
jury	A group of people called to court to decide whether somebody is guilty or not guilty
justice	Fairness in the way that people are treated.
pact	to make an oath/promise
rehabilitation	to restore to the community with improved behaviour



a policeman in London during the Victorian era

police officers in London during the late 20th century

The Victorian era saw a development in the police force. Communities were no longer accountable for stopping crime.