

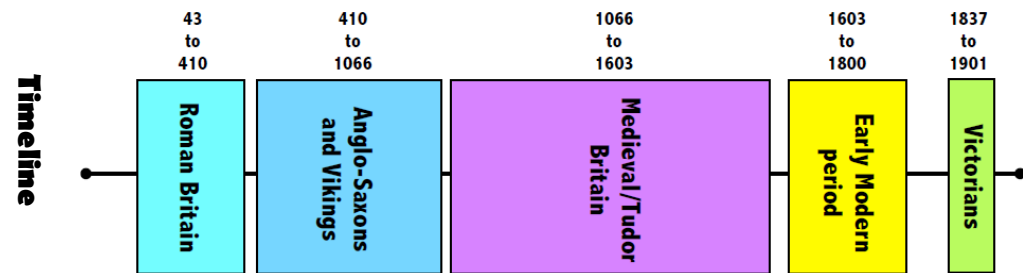
Year 6

Crime and Punishment

Spring Term

Key Dates

- 43** Romans successfully invade Britain bringing lots of laws and harsh punishments with them.
- 1066** William the Conqueror wins the Battle of Hastings.
- 1200** Trial by Ordeal is abolished.
- 1485** Henry Tudor wins the Battle of Bosworth.
- 1605** Guy Fawkes commits treason.
- 1829** Sir Robert Peel sets up the first Police Force.
- 1833** Laws about child labour were passed, such as making it illegal for children under the age of 9 to work in cotton mills.
- 1839** A Provincial Police Act was passed so that police forces could be set up all around the country.
- 1870** It was also a crime not to send your children to school.
- 1899** It is illegal to send children to an adult prison.



Key Facts

- Throughout history, theft has always been the most common crime.
- Today we have police to deal with crime, but the police force is quite a recent idea.
- Although punishments have become less harsh than at other times in history, the death penalty was only abolished in 1965.
- Trial by jury has been around for a very long time.
- Roman system of law has heavily influence the justice system today and is still studied at university.



Key Vocabulary

crime	An act that is against the law.
criminal	Someone who has committed a crime.
Government	The group of people who are in charge of a country.
guilty	Having done something wrong.
heresy	An opinion going against the beliefs of the church.
highwayman	In earlier times, a man on horseback who robbed travellers.
innocent	Not guilty.
judge	Someone who listens to a case in a law court and decides what should be done
jury	A group of people appointed to give a verdict (decision) about a case in a law court.
law	A rule or set of rules that everyone must follow
lawyer	Someone who is an expert in law and gives advice on legal matters.
outlaw	A person who has is punished by being excluded from legal rights and the protection of the law.
parliament	The group of people who make a country's laws.
penalty	A punishment given for breaking a law.
punishment	To make someone suffer because they did something bad.
sentence	A punishment given to someone found guilty.
treason	The crime of betraying the country / king / master.
trial	The process of tying someone in a law court.

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Children will explore themes of crime and punishment highlighted throughout the text which will then generate discussions to inspire their writing.

