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What impact have the crimes and punishments of the past had on our lives today?



Vocabulary	Definition
court 	a place where trials and other legal cases happen
defend 	speak, write or act in support of
detection 	finding out who has committed a crime and proving it was them
evidence 	something that gives proof or reason to believe
forensics 	the use of science to find out who something, such as a fingerprint or blood, belongs to
jury 	a group of people called to decide if a person has broken a law
law 	a rule made by people in charge to keep order and to keep people safe
reformation 	when something or someone changes for the better
sentence 	a punishment for a particular crime which has been decided by a court
trial/ordeal 	a method used to decide whether or not a law has been broken

A crime is something that is against the law.

Crimes have been investigated in a range of ways over time, from initial detection of the crime, to evidence collection and eventual prosecution.

A punishment is a consequence for doing something wrong.

Today's crimes, punishments and methods of investigation have evolved from the approaches used in the past.

Attitudes towards crime, punishment and criminals has changed over time and continues to change today.

Capital punishment, the use of death, is still used in some countries.

Methods of punishment in the past sometimes focused on pain, humiliation or even death! Some punishments, such as paying a fine, have been around for a long time.

Corporal punishment, the use of pain, is still used in some countries.

As technology and society advance, new crimes are added to the law to ensure justice through punishment. For example, car related and computer crimes are quite recent.

The ultimate goal of punishment is to restore the balance of justice and to deter others from committing the same crime.

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16th to 18th
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