

**Unit Title:**  
**How has our system of crime and punishment developed?**

**What should I know?**

- In the UK, crimes are now punished with fines, community service orders or prison sentences.
- In the Tudor period, individuals who committed the most serious crimes could be executed.
- Physical punishments were common for lesser offences.
- During the reign of the Stuarts, women, men and children were imprisoned as a punishment.
- Transportation was used to send prisoners to other British colonies.
- Prison sentences became more popular during Queen Victoria's reign.
- Hard labour was used to punish offenders.

**What should I know by the end of the unit?**

- Serious crimes like treason used to be punishable by death in England.
- Physical punishments were common during the Tudor period for lesser crimes.
- Prisons became a more popular method of preventing crimes in the Victorian period.
- The Police Service was developed during the Victorian period.

**Key Knowledge**

**Tudors**

- People of the most serious crimes were executed.
- Criminals were beheaded, hanged, burned, pressed or boiled alive.
- Lesser crimes were punished physically.
- Punishments included whipping (flogging), branding, The Pillory, The Stocks and The Brank.

**Stuarts**

- Town prisons were often dirty, humid and cold places where inmates had few rights.
- Children could be sent to prison.
- From 1654, some criminals were sent abroad to the British colony in Virginia.

**Victorians**

- Fewer crimes carried a compulsory death sentence and there were fewer hangings and the sentences for petty crime were lighter.
- Penal servitude was used to punish prisoners and included hard labour.
- Prisons were the main type of punishment for a wide range of offences.



**Key Vocabulary**

- crime
- punishment
- criminals
- prisons
- transportation
- execution
- whipping
- flogging
- branding
- pillory
- stocks
- brank
- petty crime
- penal servitude
- hard labour
- offences

**Making Links - Remember when you...**

- Learnt about the Slave trade from the 1500s- 1800s
- Learnt that slaves were whipped and branded.
- Learnt that convicts and poor people worked on plantations in Virginia before slaves were used.
- Learnt about Brunel's work during the Victorian period