What is crime?

A **crime** is a serious offence such as murder or robbery.

There are different types of crime which have changed over time.

What is punishment?

A **punishment** is a penalty imposed on somebody who is convicted of a **crime**. A **punishment** could be, for example, time in prison or a fine. There is an important difference between **criminal** law and civil law.

The Romans	The Vikings	The Plantagenets	The Stuarts	The Victorians

43	450	793	1066	1154	1485	1603	1704	1837

The Anglo-Saxons	The Normans	The Tudors	The Georgians

Romans' Rule

Roman laws, written around 450 BC, were called the 'Twelve Tables'. Not following these rules was a crime. Punishments were severe to deter people from not following them. People could pay to have their punishment lessened. **Judges and juries** were used to decide if someone was guilty or not guilty. There were lots of serious crimes such as murder, and less serious crimes, such as stealing. The worst crime, treason, was punishable by being thrown to the lions

Crime and Punishment

Critical thinking:

Our big question

How has Crime and Punishment changed over time?

Victorians Villians

The Victorians looked for **alternative ways** to hanging people for committing crimes. Many prisons **were built in** order to prevent people committing further crimes. Life in prison was very tough. Prisoners had to do very physically demanding tasks. These included: • the treadwheel - using the steps on a huge wooden and iron wheel to move it• shot drill - lifting a heavy iron cannonball• the crank – machinery that victims turned 10,000 times a day

Vocabulary	
crime	Illegal activities
democracy	the belief in freedom and equality between people, or a system of government based on this belief
discrimination	treating a person or particular group of people differently, especially in a worse way from the way in which you treat other people
execution	the legal punishment of killing someone:
highwayman	in the past, a man on a horse and carrying a gun who stopped people travelling on public roads and stole from them
prison	a building where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
punishment	the act of punishing someone:
rules	an accepted principle or instruction that states the way things are or should be done
society	a large group of people who live together in an organized way, making decisions about how to do things and sharing the work that needs to be done
suffragettes	a woman who campaigned for the right of women to vote, especially a member of the early 20th century British group