

Year 4 Knowledge Organiser – Crime and Punishment

Key Vocabulary	
bobbies/ peelers	Police officers, named after Sir Robert Peel, who introduced the first police force in London in 1829.
deterrent	To discourage someone from doing something.
execution	A sentence of death.
highwaymen	Criminals who would rob people while they were travelling. This was very common during the Stuart and Georgian periods.
humiliation	To make someone feel ashamed and foolish.
judge	Someone who is in charge of a trial in court.
jury	A group of people who would listen to the facts in a trial and decide if the person is guilty or not guilty.
ordeal	A long and painful experience.
treason	A crime against the King, Queen or the government.
victim	A person who has suffered.
trial	A judge and jury listen to evidence in a court to decide whether a person is guilty of a crime.

Modern Crime

DNA testing, CCTV cameras, use of fingerprints, improved street lighting and car/house alarms have helped to prevent and detect crime in modern Britain.

- A crime is something a person does that is against the law.
- Punishment is a penalty for doing something wrong.
- Crime and punishment have changed over time in Britain since the Roman invasion.
- Sir Robert Peel introduced the police force in the Victorian Era.
- Capital punishment, also known as the death penalty, is still legal in some countries.
- Corporal punishment (causing physical pain) is also legal in some countries.

