

## Presentation about Crime and Punishment through the ages

Reading and Research - [Crime and punishment - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

Portraits of Henry VIII or his wives in the style of Hans Holbein

### Letter to Queen Victoria

Imagine you are living in the Victorian times and you want public executions, such as hanging, to stop. You live in London and have seen the benefit of the police force. Can you write a persuasive letter to Queen Victoria explaining why she should pass a law to stop hanging, and encourage more police to be used across the country?

Queen Victoria  
Buckingham Palace  
London SW1A 1AA

Dear Queen Victoria

We must stop hanging immediately and increase the size of the police force in this country.  
Hanging needs to stop because...

Imagine you live during the Anglo-Saxon times and have been accused of stealing your neighbour's sheep. Can you write a letter to your friends persuading them to be your oath-keepers?

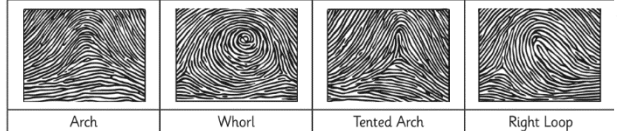


Punishments during the Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian times could be very cruel. Which ones do you think were the worst? Write a list of all the punishments you can remember and decide which period was the most horrible!



### Family Fingerprints

You will need an ink pad or water soluble marker pen. Gently colour over your index finger with the pen or press it onto an ink pad. Then, press your finger into the table below and write your name. Ask members of your family to do the same. Can you find out what type of fingerprint they have, using the chart below?



| Fingerprint | Name of Person | Type of Fingerprint |
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Think about what you have found out about crime and punishment in Britain since the Roman times. Can you create a presentation with the key facts?

