



# History Revision Booklet

## Crime and Punishment in Britain and Whitechapel

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# CRIME & PUNISHMENT IN BRITAIN

## TIMELINE



1215 - Pope Innocent II ended trials by ordeal

1000s

1066 - William the Conqueror became King of England



1200s

1285 - Introduction of constables

1300s

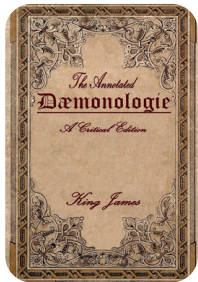
1351 - Statutory punishment for treason was to be hung, drawn and quartered

1400s

1494 - Vagrancy Act

1500s

1597 - James I published his book *Daemonologie*



1600s

1604 - Witchcraft Act



1605 - Gunpowder Plot

1645 - Matthew Hopkins' large-scale witch hunt

1688 - There were 50 capital crimes - Bloody Code

1700s

1723 - Black Act made poaching a criminal offence

1749 - Bow Street Runners established by Henry Fielding



1800s

1774 Gaols Act

1829 - First official police force formed

1834 Tolpuddle Martyrs sentenced

1878 - Criminal Investigations Department set up

1856 Police Act



1900s

1902 First Borstal opened

1908 - Children's Act

1916 Military Service Act

1922 - Prisons began to reform

1933 - Open prisons introduced

1947 Police Training College established

1946 - Fraud Squad established

1953 Derek Bentley executed

1957 Homicide Act



1969 - Death penalty for murder abolished

1971 - Police Bomb Squad formed

1982 - Borstals abolished

1988 - Young Offenders Institutions set up

1998 - Death penalty abolished completely



# WHITECHAPEL TIMELINE



**1840s - Many Irish People immigrated to England**

**1864 - Whitechapel's death rate was double the rest of London**

**1871 - Census - 902 people lived in 31 houses on Flower and Dean Street**



**1880s - Big increase in Jewish immigration from eastern Europe**

**1886 - Charles Warren was appointed commissioner of the Metropolitan Police**



**1888 - 5 women were murdered in Whitechapel by Jack the Ripper**

**1890 - Public Health Amendment Act**

**1800s**

**Early 1800s - Workhouses first established**

**1840s**

**1850s**

**1855 - There were 13,319 police officers in the Metropolitan Police**

**1860s**



**1870 - Dr Bernado established an orphanage in the East End**

**1875 - Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings Act**

**1870s**

**1880s**



**1881 - Peabody Estate opened**

**1883 - The Criminal Investigation Department had 294 detectives**

**1886-1903 - Booth's Poverty Study**



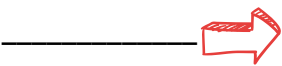
**1888 - There were approx. 1200 prostitutes in Whitechapel**

**1890s**

**1890 - Houses of the Working Class Act**







Fine paid to the victim's family, usually for murder

**Capital Punishment**

Death penalty, usually for \_\_\_\_\_ or arson

**Corporal Punishment**

Physically hurting the criminal e.g. mutilation

**Stocks and Pillory**

Humiliating public punishment, used for drunkenness or public \_\_\_\_\_



### Hue & Cry

Shouting for help if witness a crime and anyone who heard was required to \_\_\_\_\_ criminal

### Tithings

All men were put into tithings and were responsible for ensuring no one in the group committed crimes

### **William the Conqueror**

came to power after the Battle of Hastings in \_\_\_\_\_



William declared large areas of land to be **royal** \_\_\_\_\_:

- Hunting on this land became a crime called poaching
- Bringing weapons into the royal forests was a crime
- The forests were a source of royal \_\_\_\_\_



William built many \_\_\_\_\_ to assert power, they helped to watch over the community and to intimidate people out of committing crime



William wanted to consolidate his authority so made punishments harsher, **execution** was now used more often

### Trial by Ordeal

The accused criminal subject to final trial to allow \_\_\_\_\_ to have final verdict - e.g. criminals were thrown in a pond to see if water rejected them - innocent if sank  
Pope Innocent II ended this practice in 1215

## CRIME & PUNISHMENT IN BRITAIN c1000- c1500

Law was now **centralised** rather than managed in local communities - it was dealt with nationally as well as locally

**Benefit of the clergy** meant claiming to be a churchman in order to be tried in more lenient \_\_\_\_\_ courts



If a criminal was running away they could **claim** \_\_\_\_\_ at a church - they would be protected from local law enforcement for 40 days, and after could leave the country of face trial

In 1351 the punishment for treason was to be hung, drawn and quartered

### Key Medieval Beliefs:

- \_\_\_\_\_ had a role in keeping order
- God was ultimate judge
- Social status of criminal and victim influences punishment





# Crime and Punishment in Britain c1000-c1500

## Quiz Questions

Take 5 minutes to study the Cheat Sheet on this topic, then see how many questions you can get right without looking!



1. What is corporal punishment?

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2. When did the practice of Trial by Ordeal end?

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3. When did William the Conqueror become King of England?

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4. What is the crime of poaching?

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5. True or false: When William the Conqueror became King law was dealt with on a local scale only.

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6. What were Tithings?

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7. What were Royal Forests?

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8. Who was the ultimate judge in law in Medieval times?

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9. What could criminals claim at a church while on the run?

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10. How did citizens in Medieval England alert others to chase after a criminal?

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## Vagabondage

- Homeless and unemployed people in the 1500s were known as \_\_\_\_\_
- The **1547 Vagrancy Act** stated that any unemployed, able-bodied person should be branded with a V and forced into \_\_\_\_\_



## Population Growth

Population grew rapidly so there was limited food and jobs were competitive



## War

Surviving soldiers were often left without money, homes or jobs

Why did people become vagabonds?

## Bad Harvests

There were many bad harvests mid 16th century, prices rose so poor could not afford \_\_\_\_\_

## Witchcraft

During Tudor and Stuart periods witchcraft was a crime **punishable by** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bad harvests** were blamed on witches and evil spirits

## Religion

- England became a **Protestant** country under Henry VIII, but changed between Protestantism and Catholicism depending on the \_\_\_\_\_
- Refusing to adhere to **religious beliefs** of the **monarch** could be a \_\_\_\_\_ offence

# CRIME & PUNISHMENT IN BRITAIN c1500- c1700



Hopkins restricted suspects' food, water and sleep to force them to \_\_\_\_\_

In 1645 Hopkins led a large-scale \_\_\_\_\_ hunt in East of England

Matthew Hopkins

Around \_\_\_\_\_ people were investigated

He used \_\_\_\_\_ and birthmarks as evidence of witchcraft



## Town Watchmen

- Presence meant to deter criminals but also called out weather and helped drunkards home
- Better known as \_\_\_\_\_ after 1663



King of England 1603-25

James I

Book encouraged English people to hunt witches and how they should be conducted

Published book Daemonologie in \_\_\_\_\_

Gunpowder Plotters  
In 1605 a group led by Robert Catesby plotted but failed to blow up \_\_\_\_\_



# Crime and Punishment in Britain c1500-c1700

## Quiz Questions

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1. What act in 1547 stated that any unemployed, able-bodied person should be branded with a V and forced into slavery?

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2. Which King of England introduced the punishment of transportation?

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3. What country were criminals sent to when punished with transportation between c1500-c1700?

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4. What religion did England adopt when Henry VIII became King?

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5. Who led a large-scale witch hunt in the East of England in 1645?

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6. What were Town Watchmen also known as after 1663?

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7. What book did James I publish in 1597 about witchcraft?

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8. Who set up the Gunpowder Plotters group?

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9. How many people were investigated in the large-scale witch hunt in 1645?

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10. Give one reason why people became vagabonds:

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Smuggling



Bringing goods into country without paying \_\_\_\_\_

Highway Robbery



Threatening/attacking travellers for them to surrender their valuables

\_\_\_\_\_



Taking animals or fish from land you do not own - 1723 Black Act made this criminal offence.



Elizabeth \_\_\_\_ and John Howard argued that prisoners should live in decent conditions to reflect on their wrongdoings

### Tolpuddle Martyrs

Group of \_\_\_\_\_ led by Loveless formed a secret union in 1833  
In 1834 were found out and Loveless and 5 others were sentenced to 7 years' transportation



Fry was influential in bringing about the 1823 \_\_\_\_\_ Act, requiring that:

- Prisoners would no longer be kept in \_\_\_\_\_
- Gaolers would be paid to prevent corruption
- Female prisoners would be watched by \_\_\_\_\_ wardens



Henry Fielding established the **Bow Street Runners** in 1748

- Team of **volunteers** who investigated crime scenes and searched for criminals
- They were so successful the **government** began **paying** them for their work in **1785**
- They are considered the **forerunners** of the **modern** \_\_\_\_\_ force

**First police force** formed in London **1829** by \_\_\_\_\_

Main objective was to have constables on street to deter criminals



**1856 Police Act** required all areas in country to have a \_\_\_\_\_ police force



**Criminal Investigations Department** was set up in **1878**

They developed new methods to identify criminals such as \_\_\_\_\_ and handwriting

### Pentonville Prison

- Prison in London designed by Jebb, built between 1840-1842
- Run as a separate prison with individual prison \_\_\_\_\_



# Crime and Punishment in Britain c1700-c1900

## Quiz Questions

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1. Define the crime of highway robbery.

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2. How many capital crimes were there after the Waltham Black Act in 1723?

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3. When were the Tolpuddle Martyrs found out and arrested?

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4. What 1823 act was Fry influential in bringing about?

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5. Name one prison reform that the act in the question above introduced:

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6. What group did Henry Fielding establish in 1748?

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7. When was the first police force formed?

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8. What did the 1856 Police Act require?

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9. Which prison designed by Jebb was run as a separate prison?

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10. What department was set up in 1878 which developed new methods to identify criminals?

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National Crime Agency prevents \_\_\_\_\_ trafficking in the UK



Dog handling units to detect illegal substances and \_\_\_\_\_ persons

In 1947 the Police \_\_\_\_\_ Force was established - previously officers learned on the job

Specialist units were set up to respond to specific threats

Fraud Squad was established in \_\_\_\_\_

Police Bomb Squad was established in 1971

Open prisons introduced in 1934 for \_\_\_\_\_ risk offenders  
Could leave during the day but had curfews

Homicide Act 1957 restricted \_\_\_\_\_ penalty to most serious cases of murder, reducing executions from 15 to 4 per year



The death penalty for \_\_\_\_\_ was abolished in 1969 and abolished entirely in 1998

- 1916 **Military Act** introduced conscription for \_\_\_\_\_
- 14,000 conscientious objectors, 5970 were sent to \_\_\_\_\_
- Treated very badly
- 60,000 conscientious objectors during \_\_\_\_\_

## CRIME & PUNISHMENT IN BRITAIN c1900-PRESENT

- Borstals**
- First one **opened** in Kent in 1902 for boys between 15-21
  - Object was to educate and \_\_\_\_\_ them
  - Boys were whipped until 1962
  - Borstals **abolished** in 1982

**Prison reforms** began in 1922 -

- Prisoners were allowed to associate with each other
- Prisons were \_\_\_\_\_
- Better \_\_\_\_\_ was provided
- Prisoners has access to education

Shift from **deterrence** to **rehabilitation**

### Young Offenders Institutions

- Set up in 1988
- Used only when probation and non-custodial sentences failed
- Young offenders would receive \_\_\_\_\_ houhoursrs of education per week

### Derek Bentley

- Was sentenced to death by \_\_\_\_\_ in 1953
- Caused public outcry because Bentley was 19 but had mental age of 10
- Was convicted of \_\_\_\_\_, however it was his 16 year old partner Craig who shot the victim
- **Changed people's views on capital punishment**



Computer Crime

Drug-Related Crime

Modern Crime

Transport Crime

Race Crime

Violent Crime



**Neighbourhood Watch** - set up in 1982 due to lack of confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ and rising crime rate





# Crime and Punishment in Britain c1900-Present

## Quiz Questions

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1. Which 1916 act introduced conscription for WWI?

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2. Name one prison reform from 1922.

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3. The Homicide Act in 1957 reduced the number of executions from 15 to what per year?

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4. When were Borstals abolished?

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5. Who was sentenced to death by hanging in 1953 that led to public outcry?

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6. What group was set up in 1982 due to lack of confidence in the police?

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7. How many hours of education would young offenders receive in Young Offenders Institutions?

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8. In which decade did women start being recruited in the police force?

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9. What kind of prisons were opened in 1934 where prisoners could leave during the day?

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10. When was the death penalty abolished completely?

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Whitechapel had a population of \_\_\_\_\_

### Whitechapel Context

It was overcrowded - in 1881 there were 188.6 people per acre compared to 45 people per acre in rest of London

- Lodging houses - Homeless people could sleep here but was unhygienic
- Rookeries - Areas of \_\_\_\_\_ housing
- Streets were poorly lit, with lots of alleys
- Coal and \_\_\_\_\_ fumes caused pollution and smog
- Sewerage systems were poor and water unclean

### Types of Labour in Whitechapel

➡ **Casual** - workers employed for a \_\_\_\_\_ at a time so no job security

➡ **Sweated** - worked in cramped, unhygienic '\_\_\_\_\_' such as tailoring, dress and shoe making

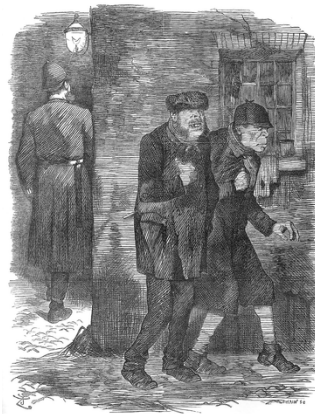


### Booth's Poverty Study

- 1886-1903 - collected data about London's population to pressure government to improve \_\_\_\_\_ and living conditions
- Study revealed that 37.5% of East Londoners lived in such \_\_\_\_\_ they could not feed or clothe themselves



In 1864 the \_\_\_\_\_ rate was double that of the rest of London



## WHITECHAPEL c1870-c1900 P1



➡ **Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings Act 1875** - The area surrounding Flower and Dean Street was \_\_\_\_\_

➡ **Peabody Estate** - in 1881 George Peabody opened 286 flats which had \_\_\_\_\_ walls, shared bathrooms and kitchens and ventilated - improvement in \_\_\_\_\_ housing

➡ **Houses of the Working Classes Act 1890** - aimed to replace \_\_\_\_\_

➡ **Public Health Amendment Act 1890** - Aimed to improve sewerage and \_\_\_\_\_ collection

In 1870 **Dr Barnardo** established an orphanage in the East End to give children better conditions than \_\_\_\_\_

### Flower and Dean Street

- ➡ According to 1871 census, 902 people lived in 31 houses on this street
- ➡ Housing was damp, sewage system was poor
- ➡ Had reputation of prostitution, theft and violent crime
- ➡ It is believed Jack the \_\_\_\_\_ lived here

Lots of **immigration** in 1800s from \_\_\_\_\_ and Jewish people from Eastern Europe  
Jewish immigrants have Sabbath on Saturday so could work on a Sunday - this led to tensions between Whitechapel residents



## Reasons for Crime in Whitechapel:

### Layout

- Narrow, poorly lit alleyways
- Some areas had such a bad reputation \_\_\_\_\_ would refuse to go there e.g. Ewer Street

### Alcohol

- Many \_\_\_\_\_ in Whitechapel
- Many turned to alcoholism because of hardships
- This made people reckless and angry so more likely to commit crimes

### Prostitution

- In 1888 there were approx. 1,200 prostitutes in Whitechapel
- Put \_\_\_\_\_ at risk of assault but had a bad reputation so could not seek help

### Discrimination

- \_\_\_\_\_ were treated with suspicion and often accused of crimes
- Jewish immigrants suffered under authorities in Eastern Europe so didn't trust police

The **Metropolitan Police** which covered London was the biggest force with 13,319 officers



### The Beat

- On \_\_\_\_\_ patrol officers
- Expected to observe for suspicious behaviour to deter crime



## WHITECHAPEL c1870-c1900 P2

- **H-Division** policed the 176,000 residents of Whitechapel
- Police to population ratio of 1:300 compared to 1:390 for rest of London

→ \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed Commissioner of Metropolitan Police in 1886

→ Former \_\_\_\_\_ general and used harsh policing methods

→ Was unpopular and was forced to resign in 1888



In response to Jack the Ripper in 1888, George Lusk set up a \_\_\_\_\_ **committee** to assist operation, but were sent hoax letters



300 letters were sent to police and \_\_\_\_\_ claiming to be the murderer

Killed \_\_\_\_\_ women in 1888 in Whitechapel

Believed murderer had \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge so 76 butchers and slaughtermen were questioned

**Jack the Ripper**

Police used posters, house searches, bloodhounds and undercover officers

Was never caught, police were criticised for this





# Whitechapel

## Quiz Questions



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1. Who opened an orphanage in 1870 in the East End?

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2. What was labour called when workers were employed for a day at a time with no job security?

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3. In what year was the Public Health Amendment Act that aimed to improve sewerage and rubbish collection?

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4. How many people lived in 31 houses on Flower and Dean Street in 1871?

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5. What percent of East Londoners were in such poverty they couldn't feed or clothe themselves according to Booth?

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6. What estate was opened in 1881 that contained 286 flats with improved conditions?

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7. How many women did Jack the Ripper kill in 1888?

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8. Who became Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1886?

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9. What did George Lusk set up in 1888 in response to Jack the Ripper?

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10. What division of the Metropolitan Police policed Whitechapel?

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