

Spelling list: GCSE History: Crime and Punishment 4

Key words for GCSE History

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| trial | Trial by ordeal was a practice where the accused was subjected to painful or dangerous experiences in order to see if God would intervene and save the innocent with a miracle. |
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| posse | The posse comiatius assisted in keeping public order. |
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| benefit | Benefit of the clergy exempted members of the clergy from the jurisdiction of civil courts. |
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| bloody | The Bloody Code aimed to tackle crime in the eighteenth century and made over 200 crimes capital offences. |
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| highway | A robbery committed on a public road was called a highway robbery. |
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| | A sanctuary is a safe place. Often churches offered sanctuary to people |

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| sanctuary | who were accused of crimes. |
| transportation | Transportation was the act of sending criminals overseas as punishment. |
| silent | Under the Silent System, Victorian prisoners were kept in silence so that they had to face what they had done. |
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| humanitarian | If something is described as humanitarian , it means it supports human rights. |