



Reading for the Real World

Law & Crime

Reading 1: The History of the Death Penalty

1. Join each word with the correct definition.

Firing squad	Regularly; usually
Humane	A person in jail
Inmate	With kindness and sympathy; not cruel
Routinely	To check to prove true; to show to be correct
Verify	A line of people with guns given the job of executing criminals
Execute	To kill by court order

2. True or False.

- The death penalty is still used in the USA today. TRUE FALSE
- In the past, people could receive the death penalty for stealing. TRUE FALSE
- As the USA became wealthier, the use of the death penalty increased. TRUE FALSE
- Most people said Timothy McVeigh should receive the death penalty. TRUE FALSE

3. Choose the correct answer for each question.

Which was a reason for the use of the death penalty during the early 1700s?

- a) Executions were a kind of entertainment.
- b) People were very religious
- c) American states were poor.
- d) The states could not control the criminals.

Which states stopped using the death penalty?

- a) Eastern states
- b) Northern states
- c) Southern states
- d) Western states

Why did the governor of Illinois stop the execution of prisoners?

- a) To give DNA tests to all death-row inmates
- b) To keep innocent people from dying
- c) To save money for the state
- d) To win support for his re-election

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Today, why do most executions happen in the southern states?

- a) The southern states are considered more conservative than northern states.
- b) The northern states are considered more conservative than southern states.
- c) The southern states are considered not conservative than northern states.
- d) None of them

Why is it expensive to sentence a person to death?

- a) The person can't ask for many retrials
- b) The person has to pay a billion
- c) The person can ask for many retrials
- d) Both a & c

4. Drag the words in the blanks. Use each word only once.

Routinely firing squad execute humane verified inmates

In the past, criminals in America were **1** _____ put to death for crimes. Executions were usually either by hanging or by a(n) **2** _____. It was not until after the Industrial Revolution that the prison system grew large enough to hold many **3** _____ at one time and became an alternative to the death penalty. However, some southern states still **4** _____ quite a few prisoners. Even though more **5** _____ methods of execution, such as lethal injection, have been found to execute prisoners, there are other points opponents still debate about the death penalty. For example, the innocence of some prisoners on death row has been **6** _____ through DNA testing.

5. Here are six words that are related to the topic but are not in the reading. Drag each word in the blanks. Use each word only once.

Charged defendant witness confessed chamber testimony

- The police officer arrested the man and _____ him with murder.
- The _____ told the police officer hat she had seen.
- The man _____ to the murder when the police arrested him.
- The judge heard the _____ of the arresting officer.



- The accused man is the _____ in court.
- The murderer was sentenced to death and so went to the gas _____.

Reading 2: Bounty Hunters

1. Join each word with the correct definition.

Capture	A person who commits a crime
Criminal	A strict keeping; imprisonment
Custody	The area or region where laws apply
Flee	To catch
Fugitive	To run away in order to escape
Jurisdiction	A person who has escaped

2. True or False.

- Only police can catch criminals.
- Bounty hunters hunt so they can get the reward money.
- Bounty hunters may travel to do their jobs.
- Bounty hunting is illegal in some places.

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3. Choose the correct answer for each question.

What information is probably important for bounty hunters to know?

- a) The law in different states
- b) Exchange rates for money in different countries
- c) The names of important police officers
- d) How to break the law

What is bail?

- a) The money bounty hunters collect
- b) The money criminals steal
- c) The money the police offer or reward
- d) The money given to the court



When do the police use bounty hunters?

- a) When they are too busy
- b) When the criminals have committed a serious crime
- c) When a dangerous criminal escapes the police's area
- d) When a criminal committed a minor crime

When can't bounty hunters go after criminals?

- a) When a state has a law prohibiting bounty hunting.
- b) When people don't like bounty hunting.
- c) When they don't want to work.
- d) A, b & c

How do bounty hunters get paid?

- a) They get paid money for each criminal they catch.
- b) They are paid at the end of the year.
- c) They are paid at the end of the month.
- d) They are paid at the end of the day.

4. Drag the words in the blanks. Use each word only once.

Custody jurisdiction fugitive flees criminals capture

A bounty hunter is a person who tries to catch **1** _____. These criminals may have either escaped from police **2** _____ or skipped bail. When a person skips bail, a bounty hunter may try to catch the **3** _____ and collect a reward by taking the person to the police. In some cases, the police cannot pursue criminals outside their **4** _____. However, bounty hunters can **5** _____ criminals in other states. And even if the criminal **6** _____ to another country, bounty hunters may still go after them.

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Track down probation case offense handcuffs violated

- "How did you _____ the criminal?" "I just went to his girlfriend's house."
- Police officers use _____ so the criminal can't get away.



- George is on _____ now because he was caught drinking and driving. Next time, they will take away his license.
- Tom _____ his probation when he was caught stealing.
- Now a lawyer is defending Tom's _____.
- Since it is Tom's first _____, the lawyer thinks he will not go to jail.