

The Nature of Common Law

Match the following legal terms with their definitions

1. Uncodified	a) Body of unwritten laws based on legal precedents established by the courts.
2. Precedent	b) A contest between two opposing parties before a judge who moderates.
3. Adversarial system	c) The right of someone who is in prison to appear in court so that a judge can decide whether that person is being kept in prison legally
4. Common law	d) Not codified, not part of the code of law, not stated as part of a systematic statement of principles.
5. Habeas Corpus	e) The judicial decisions that have already been made in similar cases.

Complete the sentences

Judges make rulings, set precedent, and	judicial precedents or case law
The common law tradition emerged in	system of writs, or royal orders, each of which provided a specific remedy for a specific wrong
Main source is	prisoner to court to determine whether he was being detained under lawful authority
New forms of legal action established by the crown functioned through a	England during the Middle Ages and was applied within British colonies across continents
Originally an order from the king obtained by a prisoner or on his behalf, a writ of habeas corpus summoned the	moderate between the conflicting parties