

What do you think this is?





## Scold's Bridle

Used by husbands on their wives to stop them nagging!



**Aim:** To understand how the Tudor government dealt with crimes and punishments.

**Step / skill focus:**  
Knowledge  
Significance

**Key Vocabulary:**  
Execution  
Deterrent

## How did the Tudors deal with crime?

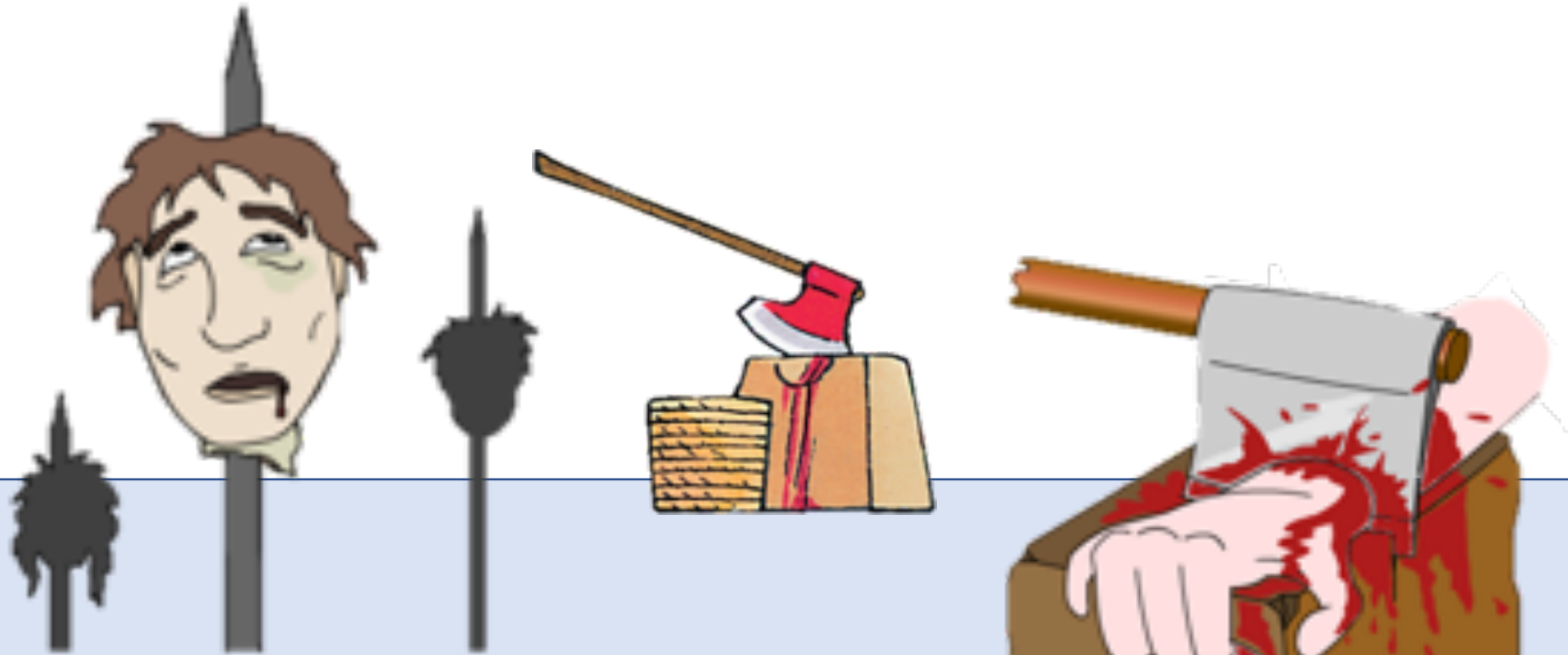


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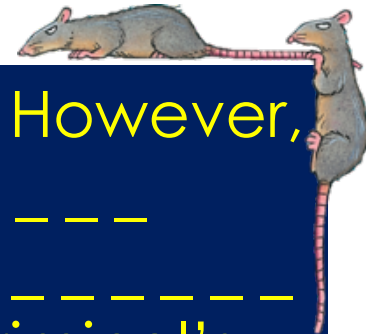
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**Discuss:** What is the worst crime you can think of and what should the punishment be?

**2 Minutes**



**Task:** Fill in the blanks in this statement



There were no \_\_\_\_\_ during the Tudor times. However, \_\_\_\_\_ were harsh and wrongdoing was \_\_\_\_\_ punished. In Tudor and Medieval times the \_\_\_\_\_ were very, very cruel. People believed if a criminal's punishment was \_\_\_\_\_ and painful enough, the act would not be repeated and others would be \_\_\_\_\_ from crime as well. A public \_\_\_\_\_ was an event not to be missed and people would queue through the night to get the best places.

Detered

Severely

Punishments

Police

Execution






Harsh




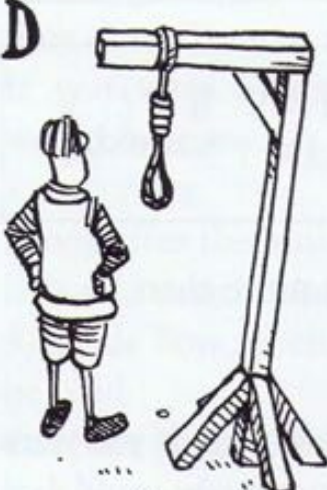


Laws



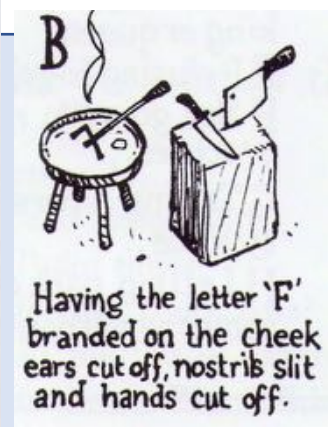
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**Task:** You have been made a Tudor Judge, your job is to try and match the punishments to the crimes.

1	2	3
		
Being a tramp	A woman poisons her husband	A man poisons another man - even if the victim does not die
4	5	6
		
Lying in court "Perjury"	Helping or sheltering someone who is a murderer	Stealing

A	B	C
		
Burned alive	Having the letter 'F' branded on the cheek ears cut off, nostrils slit and hands cut off.	Whipped and having a hole burned through the right ear
D	E	F
		
Death by hanging	To be boiled in water or lead	Branded on the forehead with the letter 'P' using a hot iron

# Task: **Answers**



# WARNING:

**Some of the following Tudor  
punishments are quite extreme!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3usxel3IK04>



# TASK:

**On your sheet (linked next to this lesson's link) will have a list of Tudor punishments. Your job is to give each punishment a score from 1-5 for their effectiveness as a deterrent.**

**1 – no deterrent at all, pointless**

**5 – Amazing deterrent, would stop anyone committing a crime!**



## Serious assault, forgery, repeated stealing



whipping



fingers, hands, ears cut off

# The Rack



# Beheading



# Arrested





# Ducking Stool

# Thumb Screws



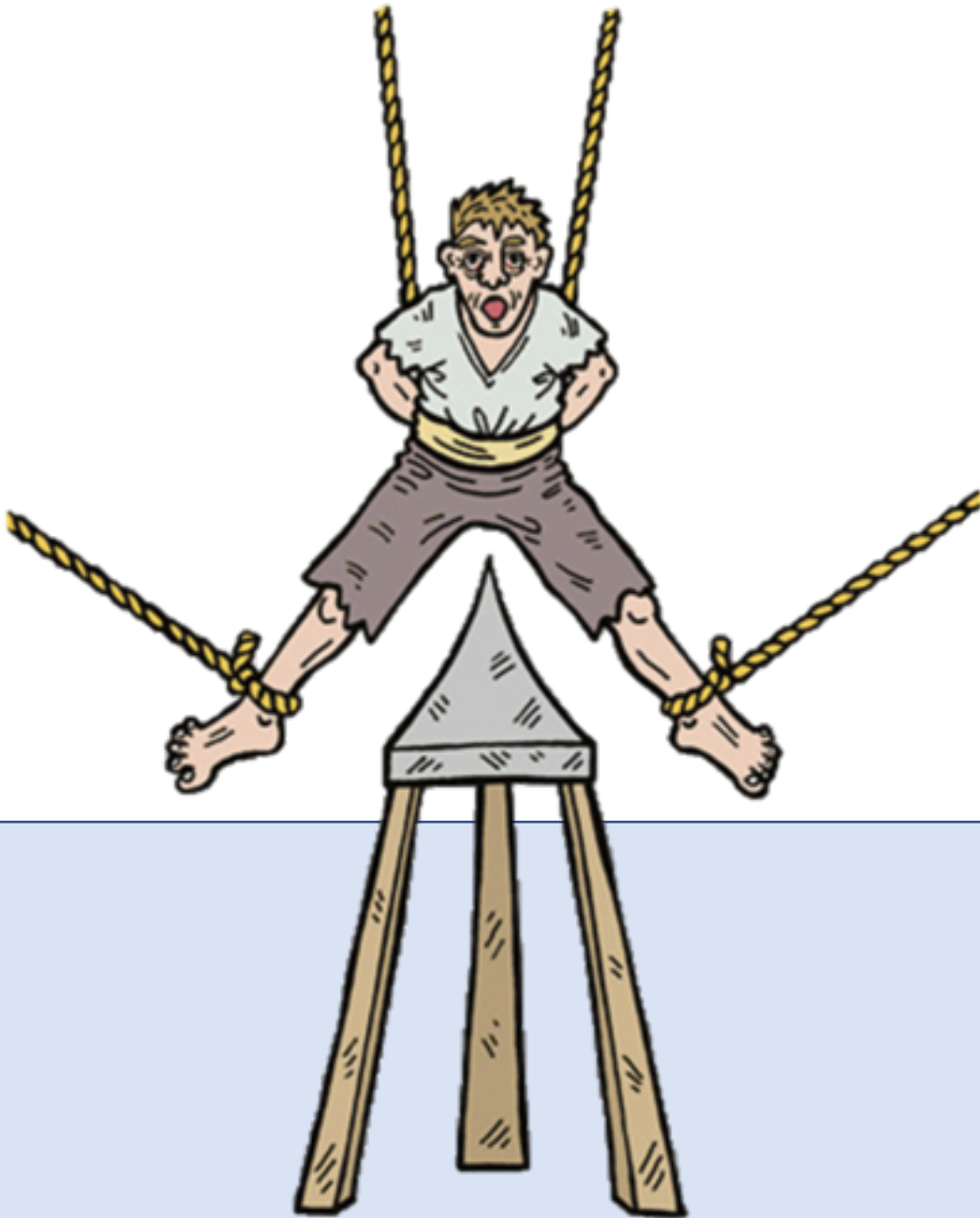
# Rat Torture





# Crushing





# Judas Cradle

# Spanish Boot

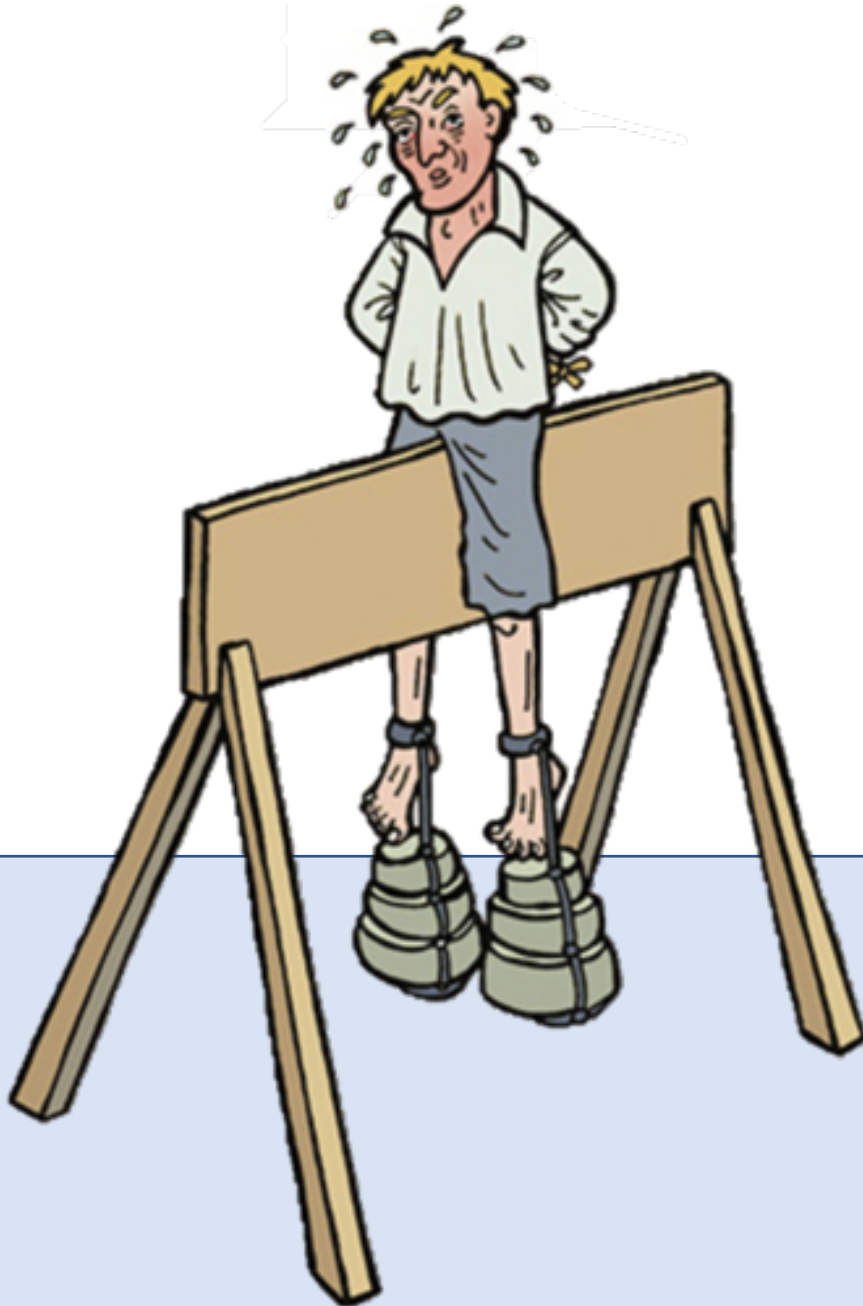


# Scavenger's Daughter



# Stocks and Pillory





# Spanish Donkey

# Dealing with Vagabonds



# Ordeal by water







# Ordeal by Fire

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**Step 1** The accused carries a red-hot iron bar for three steps, or takes a stone from the bottom of a pot of boiling water.

**Step 2** The prisoner's hand is bandaged, and he returns to court three days later.

**Verdict** If the wound has healed, God must think the prisoner is worth helping because he is innocent. If the wound is infected, God must think the prisoner is not worth helping and so he must be guilty. He must be punished by being put to death.



## Ordeal by water

**Step 1** The accused is tied up.

**Step 2** He is thrown into a lake or river.

**Verdict** Water is pure, just like God. If the prisoner floats, the water doesn't want him, nor does God. If God has rejected him, he must be guilty, and must be put to death. If the prisoner sinks and drowns, God must want him in heaven. He must be innocent.





# Hanging



# Burning (Cleansing)



# Gibbet

# Boiled



# Left to die in prison



# Hanged, Drawn, Quartered

Treason (a crime against the king or country)



Hanging



Drawing (pulling out a criminal's insides)



quartering (cut into pieces)



**Aim:** To understand how the Tudor government dealt with crimes and punishments.



**How many crimes or punishments can you find?**

**Task:** Pretend you are an executioner. Write a diary entry, or a report about the punishments you have given from Medieval and Tudor times. Describe what you did for the punishment and if you can, say what the crime was.

When I worked in Tudor England some of the punishments I gave out were...

I enjoyed / hated this because...

The reason someone was given this punishment was because they...

The Tudor's did have some horrific new punishments like...

Which was where / when...

