



What should I already know?

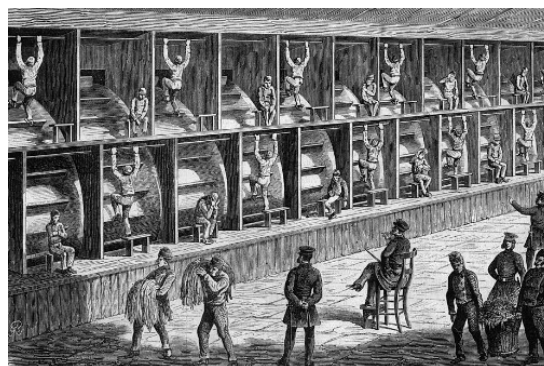
I already know that:

- ⇒ History 'tells the story of the past'.
- ⇒ There have been many changes throughout history and some of these changes have been positive and some negative.
- ⇒ The Roman Empire spanned from roughly 700BC - 476AD.
- ⇒ The Anglo-Saxon period in Britain was from around 410AD to 1066AD.

Diagrams/Timelines/Pictures



A 19th century police force.



Prisoners on the treadmill in a Victorian prison

Key Vocabulary

Capital punishment	Punishment in the form of the death penalty
Corporal punishment	Punishment in the form of physical abuse.
Felony	A serious crime punishable by a heavy sentence.
Heresy	A religious belief that is not in keeping with the beliefs of the church.
Trial by combat	A trial that is determined by the outcome of a battle or fight between two or more parties.
Larceny	The stealing of another's personal property - otherwise known as 'theft'.
Pillory	A device formerly used for publicly punishing offenders consisting of a wooden frame with holes
Treason	When a person acts against his/her country.
Outlaw	A person who is not given the protection of the law.

Interesting Facts

- ⇒ Crimes have been committed throughout history - even as far back as Ancient Rome! With over one million people living there, Rome was a dirty and dangerous place, with a maze of side-streets and slums. There were many of the same crimes as today, such as murder and theft.
- ⇒ Victorian punishments were very strict and severe! For the first time in history, prisons became the main form of punishment in this period and they were awful places.
- ⇒ In 1829, a politician called Sir Robert Peel introduced the first English police force in order to improve public order in London. Over the next ten years, many other areas of the country formed their own police force.
- ⇒ Policemen carried truncheons and rattles to raise the alarm.

Recommended Books and Websites

[BBC Bitesize: Crime and Punishment](#)

Holes (Louis Sachar)

Crime and Punishment through the Ages

(Grant Bage)



What else could I do to help me learn?

- ⇒ Familiarise yourself with the legend of Robin Hood. Who was he? Why is he so well known?
- ⇒ Use a range of secondary sources to research different forms of punishment in British history - which methods of punishment were considered to be the most gruesome? Are there any that are still used around the world today?