

**Introduction to Law**  
**Unit One Notes**  
**“The Evolution of Western Legal Theory”**

**Name:**  
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**I. \_\_\_\_\_ – 2350 B.C.**

- Although a copy of this code has never been \_\_\_\_\_, it is mentioned in other \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ of existing \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ put in place by \_\_\_\_\_ kings
- This code was very \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ and asserted the \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed by \_\_\_\_\_
- provides the first known example of governmental \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the power of \_\_\_\_\_

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ – 2050 B.C.**

- Earliest known \_\_\_\_\_ of which a copy has been \_\_\_\_\_
- provides evidence of an “advanced” legal system which included \_\_\_\_\_, giving \_\_\_\_\_, and the ability of judges to order \_\_\_\_\_ be paid to a victim by the \_\_\_\_\_
- Punishment \_\_\_\_\_

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ – 1700 B.C.**

- Babylonian king issued his \_\_\_\_\_ that were then carved into a stone column
- An \_\_\_\_\_ has come to symbolize the principle behind the code because of the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ regulating a vast array of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ including \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_ – 1300 B.C.**

- According to the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_ law given directly to \_\_\_\_\_
- Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ continue in the form of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Mosaic Code) is the first five books of the Old Testament and the \_\_\_\_\_ is the book of Jewish laws

**V. \_\_\_\_\_ – 621 B.C.**

- The first written laws of \_\_\_\_\_
- The term \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the writer of the Greek law and has come to mean \_\_\_\_\_
- Established the state’s \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ those accused of crimes
- Attempted to lessen the \_\_\_\_\_ between the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ classes

**VI. \_\_\_\_\_ – 600 B.C.**

- This King of \_\_\_\_\_ was a renowned lawgiver; his laws were never \_\_\_\_\_, just transferred orally and designed to support the \_\_\_\_\_ of Sparta
- These laws controlled nearly \_\_\_\_\_
- The greatest crime was to \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. \_\_\_\_\_ – 550 B.C.**

- An Athenian \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Solon further refined \_\_\_\_\_ law and is credited with \_\_\_\_\_ justice by making the courts more \_\_\_\_\_ to the citizens
- Removed many of the \_\_\_\_\_ associated with Draco

**VIII. \_\_\_\_\_ – 450 B.C.**

- Laws developed by a group of ten \_\_\_\_\_ leaders
- Considered to be the foundation of all \_\_\_\_\_
- Developed a system of public \_\_\_\_\_ and a system where parties could seek \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
- The laws protected the \_\_\_\_\_ from the legal abuses of the ruling class
- Established the principle that the laws had to be \_\_\_\_\_ and that justice cannot be left in the hands of \_\_\_\_\_ alone to interpret

**IX. \_\_\_\_\_ – 529 A.D.**

- The Emperor of Byzantine is best remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ of Roman law in a series of books called \_\_\_\_\_
- This collection served as an important basis of law in \_\_\_\_\_ society, and was inspired by \_\_\_\_\_ Greek principles
- Roman law formed the base of civil law, one of the two main legal systems to govern modern society in Western civilization (English \_\_\_\_\_ is the other)

**X. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1215**

- Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ of England after a threatened \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_, this famous document provided judicial guarantees such as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, fair \_\_\_\_\_, controls over \_\_\_\_\_ (habeas corpus)
- contained 61 clauses, the most important of which may have been # 39: "No freeman shall be captured or imprisoned ... except by lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land". It was the first time a \_\_\_\_\_ allowed that even he could be compelled to observe \_\_\_\_\_
- It has been called the \_\_\_\_\_

**XI. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1689**

- A precursor to the American \_\_\_\_\_
- Many ideas found in this document were \_\_\_\_\_ to the American Bill of Rights (Amendments \_\_\_\_\_)

**XII. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1765**

- British barrister who wrote a four-volume set explaining \_\_\_\_\_, making it \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_
- Through them, English law was readily \_\_\_\_\_ to the British colonies and in fact it is said that Blackstone's Commentaries was the law in the American colonies for the \_\_\_\_\_ of American \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1776**

- Written by \_\_\_\_\_, this revolutionary document \_\_\_\_\_ all political \_\_\_\_\_ between the Colonies and Great Britain
- refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ and that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created \_\_\_\_\_" and have "\_\_\_\_\_ that among these are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_"
- The ideals of individual rights and liberty were those expressed by others, including the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**XIV. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1787**

- Consists of \_\_\_\_\_ articles and formed the basis of the first modern \_\_\_\_\_ government in the world
- defined the institutions of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of each institution, carefully carving out the duties of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ branches
- The Constitution also declared that it was \_\_\_\_\_ to any other law, whether federal or state, and it would override any other inconsistent law
- Has served as a \_\_\_\_\_ for the constitutions of many other \_\_\_\_\_ nations

**XV. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1791**

- The first \_\_\_\_\_ amendments to the United States Constitution
- guarantee citizens protection of certain \_\_\_\_\_ and personal \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_