Thursday 28th April 2022

Crime and Punishment – Case Studies

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| The church in Medieval England | The Gunpowder Plot | Matthew Hopkins | Reforms of Robert Peel |
| * William Conqueror – Removed wergild, added forest laws, murdrum fines, trial by combat. * Trials – Hot water, drowning, hot iron dry bread (church people only) * “Neck Verse” – Read a passage from the bible to prove innocence (memorised by criminals to avoid execution) * Sanctuary – 40 days of protection from law enforcement before being exiled * Benefit of the Clergy – People who worked in the church (clergy) got better treatment * Church Court | * 5th November 1605 (King James I England) * Treason – Blowing up houses of parliament, punished by being hanged, drawn, and quartered * Crime against authority | * Witchfinder General * Essex + Norfolk * Accused people of being witches * Coincides with English Civil War 1642-1649 * Witches blamed for poor crops, food spoiling, animals dying. * King James I wrote book “Demonologie” on catching witches * Religious crimes – vagabondage, heresy | * Created Met Police in 1829 * Training, uniforms, paid work * Patrolled different areas (called walking the beat) |
| Pentonville Prison | Conscientious Objectors | Derek Bentley | Tolpuddle Martyrs |
| * Separate and Silent system * John Howard and Elizabeth Fry (a Quaker) responsible for prison reforms. * Quakers – religious group that believed in helping others. | * During WWI (1914-1918) * People who refused to fight for their country * Moral/Religious reasons * Seen as cowards | * Attacked police in armed robbery * Unable to defend himself in court due to learning difficulties. * Last person in England sentenced to death * Brought idea of reform for prisoners instead of capital punishment. | * Formed trade union against their master for better wages * Tried under an old navy law that prevented oaths * Sentenced to transportation * Later pardoned after public outcry |

Changes to:

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| Media | Newspapers and cartoons influencing the public – Jack the Ripper |
| Attitudes/Beliefs | Doubt over the Met Police’s ability to solve crime + protect public – Jack the Ripper |
| Wealth and Poverty |  |
| Urbanisation | More people living in towns and cities results in more crime + need for law enforcement. Less agriculture work due to industrial revolution |
| Travel and Technology |  |
| Governments and Lawmakers |  |
| Individuals |  |
| Church and Religion | Church had lesser importance as time passed due to increasing belief in science and technology instead of religion |