

Breaking Down the Twelve Tables

1. If you are called to court, what are you supposed to do? What are the consequences?

You need to go - if not you will be captured and forced to go.

This because of
Table:
One

2. How do the Twelve Tables resolve unpaid debts?

A person has 30 days to pay a debt, or they are sold into slavery to pay the debt.

This because of
Table:
Three

3. What kind of powers do parents have over their children?

A child with a deformity can be put to death, a child can also be freed from father if sold into slavery three times.

This because of
Table:
Four

4. How are issues of inheritance resolved in the event that you go insane?

Your nearest male relative takes your property.

This because of
Table:
Five

5. How were women treated unfairly in the Twelve Tables? Give two examples!

Women must always have male guardian

Women cannot cry at funerals

This because of
Table:
**Five,
Twelve**

6. What responsibilities did owners of buildings and roads have to other people? Give at least two.

Must repair roads around your property

Nobody can remove beams once they are up

This because of
Table:
**Seven,
Six**

7. If you kill a thief in your home, what penalties will you face?

None, provided you can prove he was a thief

This because of
Table:
Eight

8. Your home is old and needs repairs badly. However, you just want to start over and build from scratch. You decide to burn down your home and start over. What penalties may you face?

You will be put to death, since you cannot burn down your home

This because of
Table:
Eight

9. If I were a patrician, what would have been forbidden to you? Why do you think this was?

You cannot marry a patrician; answers will vary but they did not want the two classes to intermix

This because of
Table:
Eleven

10. You are a city inspector. Your friend offers you a bribe to "look the other way" in regard to the poor construction of his home. You accept the bribe. What can happen to you?

You are put to death for taking bribes

This because of
Table:
Nine

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1. If a person is accused and called to court, what are the two things that can happen? What happens if he doesn't go?

- a witness can stand trial for him
- he can be captured and forced to show up

This because
of Table(s):
One

2. What are the three steps for resolving unpaid debts?

- He has 30 days to pay
- He may be put into chains (jail) after 30 days of unpaid debt
- After 60 days, he can be sold into slavery or put to death

This because
of Table(s):
Three

3. What kind of powers do parents have over their children?

- a child with severe deformity can be killed
- parents have sole right to sell children into slavery

This because
of Table(s):
Four

4. How are issues of inheritance resolved in the event of insanity or death? Based on this excerpt what rights of inheritance do women seem to have had?

- property passes to nearest male relative if you die or go insane
- property typically goes to heir (oldest son), but if none exists it goes to male relative. Women get nothing!

This because
of Table(s):
Five

5. How did the ancient Romans view promises and other verbal contracts? How did they view men and women who lived together for a period of time?

- verbal contracts are legally binding and must be fulfilled
- they should be considered married if they lived together for a year

This because
of Table(s):
Six

6. What responsibilities did owners of buildings and roads have to other people? Give at least two.

- they must care for roads, or travelers can cross anywhere they can't on a person's property
- they must pay for damages caused by their unfit road

This because of Table(s):

Seven

7. How did the ancient Romans view people who lied or gossiped about other people?

- if you insult or gossip in public you will be clubbed to death

This because of Table(s):

Eight

8. What constitutional principles of the ancient Romans are still believed in today by modern Americans?

- you must be found guilty in court before punishment
- laws must be passed in public

This because of Table(s):

Nine

9. If I were a patrician man, what two marriages would have been forbidden for me?

- Cannot marry a plebeian
- cannot marry until after training has completed

This because of Table(s):

Eleven

10. Which of the eight forms of punishment are still used in the United States today? (Name at least three, but there are four total).

- fines, place in chains (jail), death, possibly banishment from the city (think restraining orders).

This because of Table(s):

Twelve