**SOURCES & TYPES OF LAW**

**A. Hammurabi’s Code.** Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_8jANgidnc>. Then answer the following questions.

1. Who was Hammurabi?

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1. Why is his law code important?

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**B. Notes.**  Go through the accompanying PowerPoint with the class on the different sources and types of laws. Fill in the space next to the description with the proper source or type of law.

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| **SOURCE OF LAW** | **DESCRIPTION** |
|  | A statute is a law written by a legislative branch of government.  The U.S. Congress, state legislatures, and local legislatures write thousands of statutes. |
|  | Comes from regulations, or rules issued by the agencies and departments of the executive branch. |
|  | Refers to legal customs, traditions, and principles created and established by the courts.  The law as established in previous court decisions; this is called precedent . |
|  | Deals with the interpretation and application of the U.S. Constitution and state constitutions.  Addresses relationships among the states, the states and federal government, the branches of government, and the rights of the individual. |

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| **TYPE OF LAW** | **DESCRIPTION** |
|  | Involves a legal dispute or conflict between two or more parties. |
|  | Addresses crimes, or acts that are harmful to society. |
|  | Applies to all members of the armed forces of the United States. |
|  | Laws and courts that apply only to those under the age of 18. |

**C. Sources of Law.**  Read through each example and decide which source of law applies. Fill in the blank with the correct answer. The word bank is below, but you will use some choices multiple times.

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| Statutory | Administrative | Common | Constitutional |

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| **EXAMPLE** | **SOURCE OF LAW** |
| 1) The Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional a law that banned the free expression of students in school. The court said that this law violated the 1st Amendment rights of students. |  |
| 2) The judicial branch rules on a case about wearing uniforms in school, declaring that this is allowed. This precedent then affects all other cases that come after it. |  |
| 3) Congress passes a law that requires restaurants to post ingredients and calories for each item on its menu so that customers may see exactly what they are eating. |  |
| 4) An executive agency called the FCC, or Federal Communications Commission, creates a regulation that requires cell phone companies to offer inexpensive, low-use plans to elderly people. |  |
| 5) The Florida state legislature passes a law that moves the start time of schools to 10am. |  |
| 6) The Department of Agriculture creates a rule that calls for inspectors to ensure that potatoes coming from local farms are safe for consumers to eat. |  |
| 7) The courts rule that discrimination against people in stores is not acceptable. They base this decision on previous court cases that have come before the court in the past. |  |
| 8) A new law is passed in Miami-Dade County that requires all people above the age of 5 to wear a mask in public during the Covid-19 pandemic. |  |

**D. Types of Law.**  Read through each example and decide which source of law applies. Fill in the blank with the correct answer. The word bank is below, but you will use some choices multiple times.

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| Civil | Criminal | Military | Juvenile |

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| **EXAMPLE** | **TYPE OF LAW** |
| 9) Jody shoplifts a TV from the local Best Buy. He is arrested by the police, and if he is found guilty by a jury during his trial, he faces jail time as punishment. |  |
| 10) Sgt. Jones leaves his army base without permission and is court-martialed for this offense. A group of generals decides whether or not he should be kicked out of the army. |  |
| 11) Sarah borrowed Sam’s iPhone and returned it with a broken screen. They got into an argument over who should pay for a replacement, and Sam sued Sarah, taking her to court to get back the cost of the phone. |  |
| 12) Nicole is 15 years old and is required to attend school. She skips school one day and is caught by the police; she is returned home to her parents. |  |
| 13) Cam was riding his bicycle when he was hit and injured by Tonya in her car. Cam sued Tonya for damages to cover his hospital bills. |  |
| 14) A man was caught on video robbing a gas station. He was arrested, brought to trial, and found guilty of burglary. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and a fine. |  |
| 15) A married couple decides to get a divorce. They disagree over who gets what. A judge hears both sides and makes a decision about how their property should be divided. |  |
| 16) Julie was pulled over by the police at 2:00am and was charged with breaking the curfew law in her town. She was fined and released back to her parents. |  |