**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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1. After viewing the PowerPoint, which laws are similar to the ones that we have today? What are some of the differences?

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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 judicial branch. 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) A judge struck down as unconstitutional a Florida law that required welfare applicants to undergo mandatory drug testing, setting the stage for a legal battle that could affect similar efforts nationwide. Judge Mary S. Scriven of the United States District Court in Orlando held that the testing requirement violated the 4th Amendment protection against unreasonable searches. |  |
| 8) 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. |  |
| 9) 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. |  |
| 10) Becky was upset about a new law. She decided to protest with friends in front of city hall. Police arrived and told them they had to leave. Becky explained they had a permit to be there and the freedom to express how they felt about this law. The officers still took the group into custody. |  |

**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** |
| 11) 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. |  |
| 12) 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. |  |
| 13) 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. |  |
| 14) 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. |  |
| 15) 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. |  |
| 16) 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. |  |
| 17) 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. |  |
| 18) 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. |  |
| 19) Samantha Powers received an order from her commanding officer to report for duty at Homestead Air Force base on Tuesday at 9am. Samantha decided she was hungry and went to a coffee shop instead. She finally reported 3 hours late. But by then her commanding officer had already reported her for failure to report. |  |
| 20) Beth was driving to work when she looked at her phone for a moment because she received a text message. Due to this, she hit a car in front of her. In a moment of panic, she quickly drove away without taking responsibility. |  |
| 21) Joseph has decided to build a fence around his property to prevent his neighbor’s dog from destroying his yard. Joseph’s neighbor realized the fence is crossing onto his property. He asked Joseph to move the fence, but Joseph refused. The neighbor decided to take this to court. |  |

**E. Putting it All Together.**  Now read each longer excerpt from a newspaper article and decide which type OR source of law would apply

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