



Source 5

Task

- 5a. What can you learn about the prisoners kept onboard the Warrior from this list?
- 5b. What is the most common crime shown on the list?
- 5c. Do you think that all of the punishments are fair? Think about the seriousness of the crime committed and the length of sentence the prisoner received.
- 5d. Try to compare the different types of crimes to see if the punishments are consistent.

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HMS Warrior was one of the convict hulk ships used to keep prisoners before they were transported. This source is an extract taken from a list that shows the prisoners that were aboard HMS Warrior in December 1849.

VICTORIAN BRITAIN

A Lawless Nation?

A RETURN, specifying the Name, Age, Offence of which Convicted, Place and Time of Conviction, Sentence, Bodily Health, and Behaviour of every Convict confined on board the *Warrior* Hulk at *W. Church* during the Quarter ending the *thirty first* Day of *December* 1849, as required by the Act of 5 Geo. IV., Cap. 8 sec. 14.

Number on the Ship's Book	Name	Age	Offence	Convicted		Sentence
				Where	When	
2398	James Worthington	19	Larceny	Salford	3 July 1843	15 Yrs
2413	George Gardiner	22	Steal; Larceny; Theft; 2nd 44	Stafford	27 June	34
2443	Job Church	25	Rape	Buckingham	17 July	Life
2515	Joseph Gorton	30	Felony & Horsestealing	Oxford	12 July	Life
2552	Giles Tunstall	30	Burglary	Chelmsford	17 July	Life
2558	William Thompson	29	Break into a dwelling house & help money	Lincoln	15 July	Life
3603	John Guyatt	20	Larceny	C. C. Court	30 March 1845	10 Yrs
3835	James Allen	17	Stealing flannel trousers	Worham	1 July	7
3838	John Parker	20	Steal; a pair of Shoes	Buckingham	10 July	10
3842	Joseph Bland	32	Desertion	In France	15 June	14
3844	James Bolton	27	Uttering Counterfeit Coin	Guildford	30 July	15
3853	John Brown	18	Steal; a Carpet Bag containing books	Luxeter	29 June	14
3857	John Buggins	26	Housebreaking & Theft; Merino	Warwick	19 Oct	10
3864	John Carter	23	Housebreaking & carrying Apparel	Guildford	30 June	10
3868	William Clarke	20	Steal; a Handkerchief from the person	Middlesex	1 July	10
3870	Edwin Clifford	17	Stealing a Watch	Worham	25 July	15
3875	William Cranfield	23	Stealing a Gelding	Chelmsford	20 Oct	10
3876	Richard Crompton	36	Uttering a forged acquaintance Receipt for money	Chester	1 Aug	15
3878	James Daley	17	Stealing a Watch	Middlesex	1 July	7
3884	John Devereux	40	Stealing a Net	Tewkesbury	6 July	7

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