

**Unit 9 – American Legal System  
Review Sheet**

**Part I (Vocabulary):** Write the term being described in the space provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ less serious crimes that are punished with a fine or small fee such as littering
2. \_\_\_\_\_ disputes involving civil wrongs or negligence
3. \_\_\_\_\_ group of citizens who decide if the government has enough evidence to charge a person with a crime
4. \_\_\_\_\_ document sent to the defendant telling them they are being sued and when to appear in court
5. \_\_\_\_\_ group of people who decide if the accused has committed a crime; give verdict of guilty or not guilty
6. \_\_\_\_\_ requires an official to bring the accused to court and explain why they are being held
7. \_\_\_\_\_ a court order to stop a certain action
8. \_\_\_\_\_ resolving disputes by listening to each other's side with a third party; it is not binding
9. \_\_\_\_\_ resolving disputes by having an impartial person listen to both sides and resolve the dispute; binding
10. \_\_\_\_\_ vote of not guilty
11. \_\_\_\_\_ when a jury can not reach a verdict, resulting in a mistrial
12. \_\_\_\_\_ early release from prison for good behavior with certain conditions placed on the defendant until the maximum sentence has expired
13. \_\_\_\_\_ to correct a person's behavior rather than punish them for it; primary goal of the juvenile justice
14. \_\_\_\_\_ the release of a guilty person under certain conditions such as paying a fine, community service and being under the supervision of a probation officer; common punishment for juveniles

**Part II (Matching):** Match the statements with the technique.

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| 1. ___ Sixth Amendment       | A. Deals with contracts, negligence, family issues such as child custody or divorce     |
| 2. ___ Writ Of Habeas Corpus | B. Laws that deal with serious crimes such as arson or murder                           |
| 3. ___ Civil Laws            | C. Laws that deal with treaties and issues between countries                            |
| 4. ___ Criminal Laws         | D. Article i, prevents congress from holding accused without them knowing the charges   |
| 5. ___ Statutory Laws        | E. Assures one's right to remain silent; they do not have to testify against themselves |
| 6. ___ Constitutional Laws   | F. Laws that deal with federal, state, and local laws made by legislative bodies        |
| 7. ___ International Law     | G. The right to an attorney and an impartial jury                                       |
| 8. ___ Fifth Amendment       | H. Prevents excessive bail and cruel and unusual punishment                             |
| 9. ___ Eighth Amendment      | I. Prevents unreasonable search and seizure   |
| 10. ___ Fourth Amendment     | J. Laws that deal with the constitution   |
| 11. ___ Common Law           | K. Looking at previous cases rather than legal code                                     |

**Part III (Short Answer):** Write the answer to the question in the space provided.

1. What are two functions of laws? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the four characteristics of good laws? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the first known written code of laws? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What code of laws simplified Roman laws? \_\_\_\_\_
5. True or False. Under our system of "innocent until proven guilty" the burden of proof is on the prosecution. If False, then where does the burden of proof lie? \_\_\_\_\_
6. According to *Miranda v. Arizona*, what must police officers do when they arrest someone? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How might the punishment for a civil offense be different than that of a criminal offense? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the purpose of plea bargaining? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is it called when an attorney tries to cast down on a witness's testimony? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What can the defendant do if they feel the judge or court made an error in handing down their decision? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Give an example of a victimless crime. \_\_\_\_\_
12. True or False. A parole board will determine if a convicted criminal should receive parole.
13. True or False. The Department of Motor Vehicles oversees our prison system. If False, what office oversees our prison system?  
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14. What types of cases are automatically appealed to a state's Supreme Court? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What is the purpose of punishing lawbreakers? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is the only crime defined in the Constitution? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What is a crime that is against a person and their property (it was one of the terms with the matching paper strips)? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Which case ensures juveniles the right to not incriminate themselves, the right to consult their attorney and the right to confront witnesses?  
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19. Be able to describe what happens at each step in a criminal procedure. (Arrest, Preliminary Hearing, Pretrial negotiations, Trial, Verdict/Sentencing, Appeal)

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