

PUZZLE

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Labeling: Rules and laws *Attach the following labels to the lists of words that follow.*

Legal responsibility
Principles of justice
Severity of punishments

Things that are mandatory in some countries
Things that people obey
Transgressions of the law

1. laws, regulations, rules _____
2. paying taxes, military service, telling the truth under oath _____
3. breach, infraction, violation _____
4. due process, equality before the law, innocent until proven guilty _____
5. draconian, lax, strict _____
6. accountability, fault, liability _____

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Fill in the blanks: Rules and laws *Complete the following paragraphs by filling in the blanks using the words provided.*

Principles of justice

disputes fundamental infringed revenge treatment
equality hands principles sue

Modern democracies depend on the court system to settle _____ among citizens. Citizens who feel their rights have been _____ upon by others cannot seek _____ and take the law into their own _____. Instead, they can _____ somebody in a court of law. Although different nations have different legal systems, there are some basic _____ in common. One _____ principle is the principle of _____ before the law. This principle states that all citizens receive the same _____ under the law.

Age of majority

adults consume majority prohibited
allowed lenient minors rights

In many countries, citizens do not receive the full _____ and responsibilities of citizenship till they become _____. The age at which citizens are adults under the law is called the age of _____. Citizens who have not reached this age are called _____. In many countries, minors are not _____ to vote

or _____ alcohol. They are also _____ from serving in the military or holding government office. Also, when minors break the law, they often receive more _____ penalties than adults do for the same crime.

Citizen responsibilities

legal mandatory military oath protect required responsibilities voluntary

Good government and a good _____ system should _____ the rights of citizens. In turn, citizens have legal _____ to their government. For example, all over the world paying taxes to the government is _____. As well, citizens are _____ to obey the law and tell the truth under _____. Not all countries place the same demands on citizens, however. In some countries, _____ service is compulsory, whereas in other countries serving in the army is _____.

Enforcement

apprehend code corruption enforced function lack obey paper punish

Having a reasonable law _____ is not enough to ensure that a legal system will _____ effectively. The laws may be fine on _____, but that is not enough to ensure that the citizens will _____ the law. Police must _____ people who violate the law, and the courts must _____ people who violate the law. _____ is one reason that laws are not _____. A _____ of trained police officers, judges, and other court officials is another.

The first law codes

broke codes draconian eye Hammurabi's injuring penalties preserved tablets

The first law _____ were created thousands of years ago. Perhaps the most famous law code from the ancient world is _____ law code, which is _____ in numerous stone and clay _____. In Hammurabi's code, the punishment for _____ someone was to receive the same injury in return, or in other words, "an _____ for an eye." Ancient law codes were often _____, handing out severe _____ to people who _____ the law.