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HANDOUT 2:
Ancient Rules and Laws: How Do They Apply Today?

Use Handout 1: Sources of Law Then and Now to answer the following questions.

1. When and where did the common law system develop?

2. How did common law develop?

3. Where did the word sheriff come from?

4. What was the role of the justiciars?

5. What does it mean when we say a judge follows a precedent?

6. If the king did not like the common law what could he do about it?

7. Who makes statute law today in Canada?

8. Why do you think King Hammurabi carved his code onto the stone?

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9. Where did the jury system we use today come from?

10. Why do you think written contracts were developed to deal with marriage and selling of excess goods?

11. Which ancient people created the idea of a company?

12. Why did the Babylonians throw an accused person in the water to see if s/he drowned or not?

13. How would you describe the penalties of ancient times?

14. Do you think the use of the wergild to pay for the value of someone killed was a good way of solving a dispute? Explain.

15. Who developed the laws of tort, public laws, procedural laws, and family laws in ancient times?

16. How can you tell that the ownership of land was important in ancient times?
