

Answer Key--Comparing Medieval Courts

Read the article “Crime and Medieval Punishment”. <https://www.historyonthenet.com/medieval-life-crime-and-medieval-punishment>

Compare two types of Medieval courts in the chart below”

Manorial Court		King’s Court
Less serious	type of crimes	Most serious
Trial by jury	type of trials	Trial by ordeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ordeal by fire ● Ordeal by water ● Ordeal by combat
Answers will vary	most surprising fact	Answers will vary

What questions do you have about trial by ordeal?

Responses will vary

Why do you think trial by jury came to replace trial by ordeal?

Answers may include that evidence and reason were increasingly important.

