

Marriage

Questions:

1. How did each legal code define when and who can get married?
2. Who is each legal code prohibiting from marrying and why?
3. Should the government be able to dictate when and who can get married?

Gender Roles

Questions

- Who has legal authority over women in Ancient Rome? Who has legal authority over women in France?
- What were the expectations to male authority in either legal code? What do those expectations reveal about the role of men?
- Should the government have control over who is the more authoritative figure in the household?

Property

Questions:

1. How does the Napoleonic Code's definition of property compare to the concept of property in the Twelve Tables?
2. How does each legal code justify seizing (taking) property from an individual?
3. How might property laws in Roman Republic and Napoleonic France have impacted different social classes?

Trials

Questions:

- 1. Do you see any similarities to our current trial system in these legal codes?**
- 2. Should citizens be held accountable for attending court?**
- 3. Do you agree with the process of Civil Death?**

Debt

Questions

1. How long do people have to repay their debts in each legal code?
2. What are the punishments' listed for debt in each legal code?
3. What does this tell you about how people during both periods viewed debtors?

Inheritance

Questions:

1. Is it fair or just for the government to determine who is considered “reckless” or capable or such inheritance?
2. Is gender considered for inheritance for both legal codes?
3. Why is succession significant?

Civil Rights/Liberties

Questions :

1. Who is clearly stated to have rights in each legal code?
2. What types of rights are included in each code?
3. What does the Napoleonic Code suggest about how France viewed foreigners?

Punishment

Questions:

1. What are the major punishments listed in each legal code?
2. Why do you think there was a need for change over time?
3. Are there any that would be considered unfair in our standards of justice in the US today?