

# Systems of Justice

## Strategy and Activity

In pairs you will recall the Code of Hammurabi (*chapter 1 resource*) and the Ten Commandments (*page 203 in the book*). You will then venture onto the provided news websites below and select a story to analyze. The story should cover a crime, lawsuit, or trial.

In pairs you are to answer the following questions.

1. Evaluate how the story would be different if either Hammurabi's Code or the Ten Commandments were applied instead of U.S. laws.
2. What would be the same?
3. Which code is closer to our current system of laws?
4. On a blank sheet of paper or in pages with your partner create your own set of laws or commandments (between 5-10 laws) that you feel are the most important today, either at Santa Rosa Academy, or outside of school, or if you created your own nation. You may decorate the page you are putting your laws on. (***You may not use all of the Ten Commandments or Hammurabi's Code***)

TIME for Kids <http://www.timeforkids.com/kid-reporters>

PBS News Hour Extra <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/>

CNN Student News <http://www.cnn.com/studentnews>

BBC World New <http://www.bbc.com/news/world/>

Social Studies for Kids <http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/currentevents.htm>

Scholastic News <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/scholasticnews/index.html>

Student News Daily <http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/>