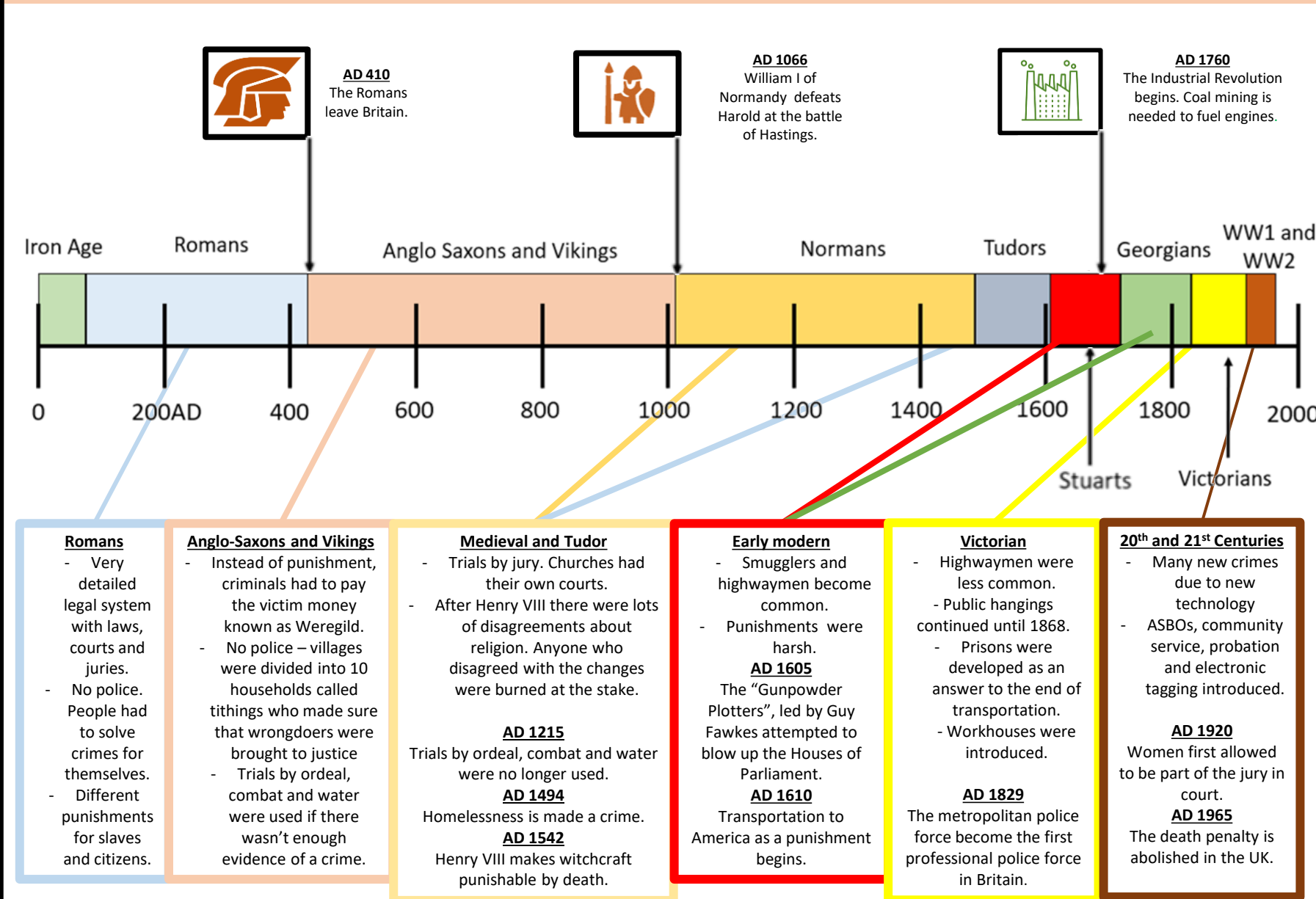


# Key Vocabulary:

-  **Conscience** A persons own understanding of what is right or wrong.
-  **Court** A group of people, including a judge, who bring people to justice.
-  **Crime** An activity that breaks the law.
-  **Criminal** Someone who has committed a crime.
-  **Deterrent** Something to prevent others or the criminal from carrying out a crime.
-  **Guilty** Responsible for a crime.
-  **Innocent** Not guilty of a crime.
-  **Jury** A group of people who decide if someone is guilty or innocent.
-  **Justice** Fairness and fair treatment for somebody.
-  **Law** Rules made by the people in charge of a country or place.
-  **Lawyer** A person who studies the law.
-  **Parliament** A group of people who make the laws for a country.
-  **reformation** The act of changing and improving someone.
-  **retribution** A punishment intended to make someone suffer as a form of payback.

# Who makes the rules? Crime and punishment in Britain

## Historical context



- Romans**
  - Very detailed legal system with laws, courts and juries.
  - No police. People had to solve crimes for themselves.
  - Different punishments for slaves and citizens.
- Anglo-Saxons and Vikings**
  - Instead of punishment, criminals had to pay the victim money known as Weregild.
  - No police – villages were divided into 10 households called tithings who made sure that wrongdoers were brought to justice
  - Trials by ordeal, combat and water were used if there wasn't enough evidence of a crime.
- Medieval and Tudor**
  - Trials by jury. Churches had their own courts.
  - After Henry VIII there were lots of disagreements about religion. Anyone who disagreed with the changes were burned at the stake.
- Early modern**
  - Smugglers and highwaymen become common.
  - Punishments were harsh.
- Victorian**
  - Highwaymen were less common.
  - Public hangings continued until 1868.
  - Prisons were developed as an answer to the end of transportation.
  - Workhouses were introduced.
- 20th and 21st Centuries**
  - Many new crimes due to new technology
  - ASBOs, community service, probation and electronic tagging introduced.