Modern Laws

A) **Defamation** is the action of damaging the good reputation of someone. A person may be liable for defamation if they make untrue statements about another person. There are two types of defamation; slander and libel. Slander is the act of voicing defamation while libel is writing the defamation. In the case of defamation, a lawsuit can be filed and the person accused can be brought to court. They could be fined or serve jail time.

B) **Theft** is the taking of another person’s property without that person’s permission. Someone guilty of theft can pay a fine or serve jail time, usually depending on the value of the item/s that was/were taken.

C) A person commits **domestic violence** by committing one or more of the following acts against a person with whom the offender shares or shared a personal relationship, or against the minor child of such a person:

- intentionally causing or attempting to cause bodily injury
- putting the victim or a member of the victim’s family or household in fear of bodily injury or continued harassment, to the extent that the fear causes substantial emotional distress

D) **Assault** and battery involve physically injuring someone else. The person committing assault will be arrested and taken to court. They will likely serve jail time.

Hammurabi’s Code

#1: If a man bring an accusation against a man, and charge him with a crime, but cannot prove it, he, the accuser shall be put to death.

#22: If anyone is committing a robbery and is caught, then he shall be put to death.

#195: If a son strike his father, they shall cut off his fingers.

#196: If a man destroy the eye of another man, they shall destroy his eye.

#197: If a man break another man’s bone, they shall break his bone.

Hammurabi’s Code vs. Modern Laws

Name: ________________________________

Class Period: ______
Choose one of Hammurabi’s Laws and write it here. | Which “modern law” goes with Hammurabi’s Code? | Which punishment do you think is better? Complete sentences!

| 1. Out of the modern laws listed, which do you think is **most** important?

| 2. Why do you think this law is **most** important? |