

Rule of Law – A British Value

Key Vocabulary

Bill	draft of a proposed law presented to parliament for discussion.
Byelaws	a regulation made by a local authority or corporation.
Civil dispute	A dispute between two individuals or groups that requires legal advice
Civil law	Disputes between individuals or groups
Criminal courts	Magistrates: 95% of cases, less serious crimes e.g. theft Crown: Serious cases e.g. murder
Criminal law	A specific crime has been committed
Legal responsibility	Many people in the UK take a role in the running of the legal system. You still have rights, even if you are an offender
Magna Carta	Magna Carta Libertatum, commonly called Magna Carta, is a charter of rights agreed to by King John of England at Runnymede, near Windsor, on 15 June 1215
Petition	a formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority in respect of a particular cause
Rule of law	The principles of how law is applied. Innocent until proved guilty, Equality before the law and Access to justice.
Youth Justice System	The part of the justice system that deals with young people (10- 17)



Robert Peel



Police



King John



Lady Justice

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Everyone should know what laws they need to obey.

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Laws should be the same for everyone.

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We should always use laws, not just our own opinion of what seems right or wrong, to decide if someone has broken the law.

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Judges, the police and members of the Government must always use their powers fairly.

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Everyone accused of breaking the law should have a fair trial. They should be treated as 'innocent until proved guilty'.

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Laws should always try to protect our Human Rights.