

1. From the lines from a colonial circular: Why did Puritans make people stand on pillory?
2. Why did Puritan leaders decide they needed to establish law and order in their new homeland?
3. Which amendment prohibits “cruel and unusual punishments”? _____
4. What power did John Winthrop have to pass laws in the new colony?
5. What did freemen in Massachusetts Bay begin to complain about?
6. What was the *Body of Liberties* (1641) like? What did it outlaw?
7. What punishments did the Puritans consider cruel?
8. Since Massachusetts Bay was originally established by and for the Puritans, what did many of their laws have?

Give 2 examples of this type of law:
a.

b.
9. How seriously could you be punished if you broke the law about blasphemy?
10. What was the most common penalty for all but the most serious crimes? Give an example.
11. What if someone could not pay a fine?
12. What crimes resulted in whippings?
13. What could happen to teenagers who stayed out at night “with corrupt company”?
14. What was the limit of a whipping?
15. What did they do to “scolds”? _____
16. What did the Puritans do to punish petty thieves and drunkards? Give an example:

17. Why would offenders be made to wear large letters sewn onto their clothing? Use an example.

18. Why might someone be banished from the colony?

Name two famous Puritans who were banished:

19. Which crimes had been death penalty crimes in England, but were not in New England?

20. What did the Puritans think of stoning? What did they adopt instead?

21. What would ministers do before a hanging?

22. Why would hanging as they used it then be considered a cruel and unusual punishment today?

23. Were hangings very common in Puritan Massachusetts? How many were there in the 60-year period?

24. What did Quakers believe that angered Puritans? Give examples.

25. What punishments did the Puritans give to Quakers? List them.

26. What did they do to “wandering Quakers” after 1661?

27. List some differences between crimes and punishments in Puritan Massachusetts and those in the US today:

Crime

Punishment then

Punishment now

28. What is your opinion about public shaming as a form of punishment for some crimes today? Which crimes, if any, should have this punishment? How, specifically, might “shaming” be done today in the US? Explain.

29. There are 2 types of “cruel and unusual punishments,” the cruelty of the punishment method itself, and the cruelty of an excessive sentence. Give an example of each type from the article.

Method:

Excessive sentence:

30. List some modern examples of both types of “cruel and unusual punishments.”

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