

★ Anglo-Saxon and Viking vs Modern British Justice System



Read the statements below. Decide whether they describe a similarity or difference in the Anglo-Saxon/Viking Justice systems and the modern day justice system. One has been done for you.

Similarities	Differences
People who are accused of a crime are sent to court.	Children who steal sheep can be put to death.

People can go through a trial by ordeal to test if they are innocent or guilty.	People can stand up for a person accused of a crime in court to say they believe they are innocent.
Murderers have to pay compensation to the victim's family.	If a person cannot afford to pay a fine, they can be made to become a slave.
Children who steal sheep can be put to death.	A criminal can be hanged in public.
Criminals can be fined for less serious crimes.	People who are accused of a crime are sent to court.
People can settle disputes by fighting a duel.	Someone who knows the law decides what happens to the guilty person.



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Can you say in what ways the Anglo-Saxon/Viking and modern day justice systems are similar and different?

Similarities	Differences