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1. Define "law."

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Tell some of its sources.

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Describe functions it serves.

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2. Discuss TWO of the following:

⬜ a. The Justinian Code, The Code of Hammurabi, and the Magna Carta.

⬜ b. The development of the jury system.

⬜ c. Two famous trials in history.

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3. Tell what civil law is; tell what criminal law is.

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| Criminal law: |  |
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Tell the main differences between them.

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Give examples of each.

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4. Ask five people (not more than one from your immediate family) about the role of law enforcement officers in our society. Discuss their answers with them.

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⬜ Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask about his or her responsibilities and duties.

Report your findings.

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5. Tell about several laws that were passed to protect the consumer and the seller.

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Tell about several organizations that provide help to consumers and sellers.

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6. Do ONE of the following:

⬜ a. Attend a session of a civil or criminal court. Write 250 words or more on what you saw.

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⬜ b. Plan and conduct a mock trial with your troop or school class. After the trial is over, discuss it with the group.

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7. Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government agency. Find out his or her duties and responsibilities. Report what you learned.

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8. Explain the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state.

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Describe how judges are selected in your state.

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9. Make a list of 15 jobs which deal with some aspect of law or legal processes.

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| Tell which you prefer. |  |

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10. Tell where people can go to obtain the help of a lawyer if they are unable to pay for one.

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Tell what you can do if you can afford a lawyer but do not know of any in your area.

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11. Discuss with your counselor the importance of TWO of the following areas of the law:

⬜ a. Environmental law

⬜ b. Computers and the Internet

⬜ c. Copyright and the Internet

⬜ d. Space travel and satellites orbiting the earth

⬜ e. Patents

⬜ f. Biotechnology

⬜ g. Privacy law

⬜ h. International law

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