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**The Twelve Tables**

**DIRECTIONS: Actively read/annotate the reading and documents below. Label enduring issues. Then, answer the questions that follow.**

**Historic Context**

In 509 BCE, the Roman Republic was established in Italy. At first, the government was only made up of **patricians**, members of the landholding upper class of Rome. Later, the farmers, merchants, artisans, and traders known as **plebeians** won the right to be elected to the government too. The plebeians demanded that all of the Roman laws be written down and displayed in public so all Romans would know the rules and the punishments for breaking them. As a result, around 450 BCE the government had the laws inscribed on twelve stone tablets and placed in the Roman marketplace, called the Forum.

**Why were *The Twelve Tables* written?**  \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Analyze the laws of the Twelve Tables and the U.S. Answer the questions that follow.***

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| **Twelve Tables** | **U.S. Laws** |
| **Table 1—Law III.**  When anyone who has been summoned to court is guilty of evasion, or attempts to flee, let him be arrested by the plaintiff.  **Table 3—Law III.**  Where anyone is deprived of the evidence of a witness (a witness does not appear in court) let him (the defendant) call him with a loud voice in front of his house, on three market-days.  **Table VII—Law VIII.**  When anyone publicly abuses another in a loud voice, or writes a poem for the purpose of insulting him, or rendering him infamous, he shall be beaten with a rod until he dies.  **Table VII—Law XV.**  Anyone who kills an ascendant, shall have his head wrapped in a cloth, and after having been sewed up in a sack, shall be thrown into the water.  **Table VII—Law XII.**  Anyone who gives false testimony shall be hurled from the Tarpeian Rock. | **6Th Amendment**  In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and without unnecessary delay public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed; to be confronted and the right to know your accusers; and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense (the right to a lawyer).  **Failure to Appear (FTA) Charge/Warrant**  When a person is obligated to show up for court for any reason, but does not appear, the judge may choose to issue a warrant for their arrest, known as a Failure to Appear or an FTA Bench Warrant. If you do not appear in court, it is a criminal offense, and depending on circumstances, can result in additional fines, fees, and bench warrants being issued.  **U.S. Code 1621. Perjury**  Whoever having taken an oath before a competent tribunal (judges), officer, or [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1621), in any case in which a law of the [United States](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1621) authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony is true, willfully and contrary to such oath [states](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1621)  any material matter which he does not believe to be true; is guilty of perjury and shall, be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.  **8th amendment**  Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. |

1. **What is the purpose for Table 1—Law III?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **What part of the 6th Amendment (U.S. Law) is a reflection of Table 1—Law III?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **How does Table VII—Law VIII and Law XV and he 8th Amendment (U.S. Law) show a change over time?**

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1. **What is the purpose of Table VII—Law XII?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Which of these U.S. Laws mostly reflect Table VII—Law XII from the Twelve Tables?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**The enduring issue this best associates with is (check all that apply)**

* **CULTURAL DIFFUSION**
* **HUMAN RIGHTS**
* **IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENT ON HUMANS**
* **POWER**
* **SCARCITY**
* **TECHNOLOGY**