

Possession: owning, or controlling something.

Ensnare: to take in or as if in a snare

Accusation: a charge of wrongdoing

Merchant: a person who buys and sells commodities for profit; dealer; trader.

What are consequences for crimes committed under the Hammurabi Code of Law?

Describe 5 things you are not allowed to do under the Hammurabi Code of Law?

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Congress: the national legislative body of the U.S., consisting of the Senate, or upper house, and the House of Representatives, or lower house, as a continuous institution.

Favors: something done or granted out of goodwill, rather than from justice

Prohibits: to forbid

Petition: a formally drawn request, often bearing the names of a number of those making the request,

Quartered: furnished with quarters or lodging.

Seizures: a taking possession of an item, property, or person legally or by force.

Indicted: to charge with an offense or crime

Impartial: biased; fair; just:

Verdict: a judgment

Describe ways citizens are protected by the Bill of Rights?

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