



*Welcome  
to Law A Level*



# 10 key facts for the start of the course

1. Name the two Houses of Parliament?

i.

ii.

2. What is the name of the most senior national court in the English Legal System?

3. The term lawyer can be defined in three ways, what are these?

i.

ii.

iii.

4. Normally, in order to commit a crime in England and Wales, the Actus Reus and Mens Rea need to be established. What do these terms mean?

i. Actus Reus:

ii. Mens Rea:

5. Once being able to define the above, try to explain where it can be seen in a criminal offence?

6. Tort law is an area of law that can affect us on a daily basis, what is meant by the term Tort Law?
7. The Human Rights Act 1998 was passed into law in 1998. It is made up of a range of Articles. Can you name two Articles between 2 and 11 and state what they concern?
  - i.
  - ii.
8. What is meant by the term 'Rule of Law'?
9. What is the legal definition of Murder in this country?
10. Research the case, Re A (Conjoined twins) What was the decision from this case and why was no one found guilty of murder?

# Building Block 1: Interpretation

A Level Law you will not only require you to study the law, but also to engage critically with the interpretations of different lawyers/judges about how the law has been developed.

Task 1: Select one of the texts from the reading list below. You might want to select something that will help you prepare for your A Level units in Year 12 or explore something new – speak to your teacher for advice!

Task 2: Write a book review of your text, addressing the questions below: - What are the key legal themes/arguments of this book? - How convincing do you find these themes/arguments, and why? - What surprised you about the interpretation given, and why? - What did this text reveal to you about the nature and the challenges of studying Law?

1. The Trial by Franz Kafka
2. The Rule of Laws by Fernanda Pirie
3. Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
4. Against the law by Peter Wildeblood
5. A Pocket Full of Rye by Agatha Christie
6. The Hidden Case of Ewan Forbes: The Transgender Trial that Threatened to Upend the British Establishment by Zoe Playdon
7. Seven Hanged by Leonid Andreyev
8. The Duchess Countess by Catherine Ostler