

Spelling list: GCSE History: Crime and Punishment 4

Key words for GCSE History

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comiatus

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A robbery committed on a public road was called a **highway** robbery.

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A **sanctuary** is a safe place. Often churches offered **sanctuary** to people

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| sanctuary | who were accused of crimes. |
| transportation | Transportation was the act of sending criminals overseas as punishment. |
| silent | Under the Silent System, Victorian prisoners were kept in silence so that they had to face what they had done. |
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| humanitarian | If something is described as humanitarian , it means it supports human rights. |