

Landmarks in Criminal Justice History

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1. Who is credited with creating the first police force, known as the 'Marine Police', in London in 1798?

- A) Patrick Colquhoun
- B) Robert Peel
- C) J. Edgar Hoover
- D) August Vollmer

2. In which city was the first modern professional police force, the Metropolitan Police Service, established in 1829?

- A) New York
- B) London
- C) Paris
- D) Sydney

3. What forensic technique, pioneered by Sir Francis Galton, was first officially used for identification in criminal investigations in the late 19th century?

- A) DNA profiling
- B) Ballistics
- C) Fingerprinting
- D) Polygraph testing

4. The first practical DNA profiling technique for use in criminal cases was developed by which scientist in 1984?

- A) Alec Jeffreys
- B) Gregor Mendel
- C) James Watson
- D) Francis Crick

5. What was the name of the first professional police force established in the United States, created in Boston in 1838?

- A) NYPD
- B) LAPD
- C) Boston Police Department
- D) Chicago Police Department

6. The first 'rogues' gallery,' a collection of photographs of known criminals for identification, was established in which city in 1857?

- A) New York
- B) London
- C) Chicago
- D) Berlin

7. Who is often cited as the 'father of modern policing' for establishing the principles of the Metropolitan Police in London?

- A) Charles Dickens
- B) Robert Peel
- C) William Pitt
- D) John Howard

8. The first use of ballistics analysis to solve a murder case occurred in 1835 in which country?

- A) England
- B) France
- C) United States
- D) Germany

9. What is the name of the first prison in the United States, established in 1790 in Philadelphia, to use solitary confinement for rehabilitation?

- A) Alcatraz
- B) Sing Sing
- C) Eastern State Penitentiary
- D) Walnut Street Jail

10. In 1910, the first crime laboratory in the world was opened in which country?

- A) France
- B) United States
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Japan

11. Who is known for creating the first system of criminal identification based on physical body measurements, known as anthropometry?

- A) Alphonse Bertillon
- B) Cesare Lombroso
- C) Hans Gross
- D) Edmond Locard

12. What was the first American state to enact a 'state police' force, established in 1905?

- A) Texas
- B) New York
- C) Pennsylvania
- D) California

13. The first 'wanted' poster in American history was published in what century?

- A) 16th century
- B) 17th century
- C) 18th century
- D) 19th century

14. Which invention in the early 20th century revolutionized police communications by allowing cars to be dispatched to crime scenes?

- A) Radio dispatch
- B) Pager
- C) Mobile phone
- D) Telegraph

15. The first organized system of criminal law, establishing specific punishments for specific crimes, is known as what?

- A) The Magna Carta
- B) Code of Hammurabi
- C) The Ten Commandments
- D) Roman Law

16. In 1932, which organization established the first centralized crime laboratory in the United States?

- A) Scotland Yard
- B) FBI
- C) Interpol
- D) Secret Service

17. The first automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) was implemented in the 1970s by which country's police force?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) United States
- C) Australia
- D) Germany

18. What is the oldest continuously operating police force in Australia, established in 1789?

- A) Victoria Police
- B) New South Wales Police Force
- C) Western Australia Police
- D) Queensland Police

19. Who is often called the 'father of criminalistics' for writing the first book describing the application of science to criminal investigation?

- A) Edmond Locard
- B) Hans Gross
- C) Calvin Goddard
- D) Arthur Conan Doyle

20. The first recorded use of a 'coroner' to investigate mysterious deaths dates back to which historical legal document?

- A) Articles of Eyre
- B) Justinian Code
- C) Magna Carta
- D) Bill of Rights