



LAW

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Define "Law." Tell some of its sources. Describe functions it serves.
- 2) Discuss TWO of the following:
 - A) The Justinian Code, The Code of Hammurabi, and the Magna Carta.
 - B) The development of the jury system.
 - C) Two famous trials in history.
- 3) Tell what civil law is; criminal law. Tell the main differences between them. Give examples of each.
- 4) Ask five people (not more than one from your immediate family) about the role of law enforcement officers in our society. Discuss their answers with them. Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask him about his responsibilities and duties. Report your findings.
- 5) Tell what a contract is. Must all contracts be in writing? Explain. Tell about several laws that have been passed to protect the consumer and the seller. Tell about several organizations there to help them.
- 6) Do ONE of the following:
 - A) Attend a session of a civil or criminal court. Write 250 words or more on what you saw.
 - B) Plan and conduct a mock trial with your troop or school class. After the trial is over, discuss it with the group.
- 7) Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government. Find out his or her duties and responsibilities. Report what you have learned.
 - * If it is impossible for you to arrange such a visit, discuss with your counselor the duties and responsibilities of a lawyer who works for one of the groups listed.
- 8) Explain the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state. Describe how judges are selected in your state.
- 9) Make a list of 15 jobs which deal with some aspect of law or legal processes. Tell which you prefer. Why?
- 10) Tell where a person can go to obtain the help of a lawyer if they are unable to pay for one. Tell what you can do if you can afford a lawyer but do not know of any in your area.

Requirement 3

What is Civil Law? _____

Give an example of Civil Law: _____

What is Criminal Law? _____

Give an example of Criminal Law: _____

What are the main differences between Civil Law and Criminal Law? _____

Requirement 4

Ask five people about the role of law. Discuss their answer with them and report your findings below.

Person 1: _____

Answer & Discussion: _____

Person 2: _____

Answer & Discussion: _____

Person 3: _____

Answer & Discussion: _____

Person 4: _____

Answer & Discussion: _____

Person 5: _____

Answer & Discussion: _____

Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask him about his responsibilities and duties.

Officer's Name: _____

Responsibilities & Duties: _____

Use the area below to list any thoughts or discoveries you have made after talking to the five people and the officer: _____

Requirement 5

What is a contract? _____

Must all contracts be in writing? YES NO Explain your answer: _____

List and describe at least 3 laws that have been passed to protect the consumer and the seller:

Law 1: _____ Description of Law: _____

Law 2: _____ Description of Law: _____

Law 3: _____ Description of Law: _____

List some of the organizations that exist that are there to help consumers and sellers in legal matters. Explain what the organization does:

Organization 1: _____ Description of Organization: _____

Organization 2: _____ Description of Organization: _____

Organization 3: _____ Description of Organization: _____

Organization 4: _____ Description of Organization: _____

Requirement 7

Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government. Find out their duties and responsibilities. After your visit, use the area below to report your findings.

Who did you visit with? _____

Who do they work for? _____

What are their main duties & responsibilities? _____

What else did you learn from this experience? _____

Requirement 8

What are the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state? _____

Describe how judges are selected in your state? _____

Requirement 9

Make a list of 15 jobs which deal with some aspect of law or legal processes.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Which job do you prefer? _____

Why? _____

Requirement 10

Where can a person go to obtain the help of a lawyer if they are unable to pay for one? _____

What can you do if you can afford a lawyer but do not know of any in your area? _____

