



Key Terms:

- **Corporal punishment** means physical punishment.
- **Capital punishment** is the death penalty.

**Discovery Year 9 / Literacy
Autumn 2
Knowledge Organiser The
Death Penalty
Reflectiveness**

DEATH PENALTY TIMELINE:

- In 1900 death penalty available for 4 crimes.
- 1908 / 1933 hanging of under 16s/18s ended.
- 1922 Infanticide Act
- Miscarriages of justice / controversial executions: 1950 Timothy Evans; 1953 Derek Bentley; 1956 Ruth Ellis.
- 1957 Homicide Act restrictions
- 1965 Murder Act + 1969 Amendment ends use of death penalty;
- 1998 final abolition.

Reflective thought: Question why these changes happened.

Key words to support learning:

violation, abolition, convicting, deterrent, prosecutor, execute, controversial, amendment, discriminate, guillotine, homophobic, penalise, condemn, post-mortem, retribution, reform

Reflectiveness:

Distil and revise -

Think about some of these words that you already know.

Use a dictionary to find out the meanings of the ones that are new to you.

Things to think about:

It violates human rights
It doesn't deter crime
It discriminates (mostly poor, minority group people)

Think about the statements written above – explain why the death penalty might or might not have these effects.

Which countries still use the death penalty?

Yes	No
United States	United Kingdom
Egypt	Rwanda
Nigeria	France
Iran	South Korea
Uganda	Ghana