

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**

Finding Out: When was the death penalty abolished?
Which states of America still use capital punishment?

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.

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.

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.

Which countries still use the death penalty?

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



Challenge: Write your own myth and included some of the vocabulary from the boxes below

appear	believe	breath	caught
disappear	early	extreme	guard
heart	height	island	reign
natural	straight	strength	through

Some of the Greek gods and goddesses:

Zeus- God of the Sky.
 Poseidon- God of the Sea.
 Ares- God of War.
 Aphrodite- Goddess of Love.
 Hera- Goddess of Women.
 Demeter- Goddess of Harvest.
 Athena- Goddess of Strategy.
 Apollo- God of the Sun, Music and Poetry.

Work at memorising their names!

Suggested composition:

1st paragraph: Setting - Where in Greece is it set? (mountains, sea, forest) Which characters are in the setting? (What do they look like? Are they brave? Special powers? e.g. ability to fly, super-human strength)

2nd paragraph: Build up: What clue is given? (Is there a warning from the gods? Is someone 'angered'? Are they jealous?)

3rd paragraph: Dilemma: What does the villain do? Appearance (e.g. half animal, serpent), actions (e.g. turn people to stone)

4th Paragraph: Event: Do they battle? Where? (swords, fire, axes or magic)

5th paragraph: Resolution: How do they defeat the villain? How do the gods react?

Sentence starters (per paragraph)

1st	Many moons ago, In the beginning, As Greece grew more powerful His strength was mightier than
2nd	Zeus became angered by jealousy raged through his body, As
3rd	Cyclops stood, towering over the tallest mountain Raising his arm,
4th	Hercules gathered all his inner strength before With lightning speed
5th	With a might roar, After witnessing such bravery, the gods

Key Vocabulary:

brutal	savagely violent
envious	feeling or showing envy
heroic	having the characteristics of a hero or heroine
immortal	living forever; never dying or decaying
morals	standards of behaviour; principles of right and wrong
rumble	make a continuous deep, resonant sound
valiant	possessing or showing courage or determination
villainous	relating to, constituting, or guilty of wicked or criminal behaviour