

5 Basic Principles of U.S. Courts

Principle	Description	Origin
	Can't be punished until found guilty in a court of law	
	Both sides are allowed to present evidence and witnesses	
	People who decide a case have no bias toward either side	
	Fair trial proceedings for everyone/ punishments fit the crime	
	If a trial was flawed, lawyers can ask for a higher court to hear the case	

*** These apply to local, state, and federal courts***

Same principles apply to both civil and criminal cases

Part II: Explain how the following codes have impacted American law.

1) Hammurabi's Law and Mosaic Law (Ten Commandments):

2) Common Law:

3) *Magna Carta* and the English Bill of Rights: