


Crime	Punishment	
Stealing money	Your hand will be cut off and you will be branded with a 'T' on your forehead.	
Stealing food from the market	You will be whipped at the whipping post.	
Stealing jewels or other valuables	You will have your ears cut off, your nose slit and the letter 'F' branded on your cheek.	
Being drunk in a public place	You will have to wear the drunkard's cloak - a big barrel with holes cut for the head, arms and legs.	
Gossiping about your neighbour	You will have to wear the scold's bridle - a metal contraption that fits over your head and puts a bit in your teeth. Your husband can then lead you around town to humiliate you.	
Witchcraft	You will be put in the ducking stool and dunked into the water. If you drown, you are declared innocent. If you float, you are guilty and will be burned at the stake.	
Plotting against the king or queen (if you are rich)	You will be beheaded with an axe or a sword.	
Plotting against the king or queen (if you are poor)	You will be hung, drawn and quartered. You will hang until you are nearly dead, your innards are then pulled out and burned and then you are cut into four quarters and your head will be put on a stick.	
Fighting in the street	You will be put in the stocks and people will throw rotten food and rubbish at you.	
Not paying your debts	You will be put in the pillory and people will throw rotten food and rubbish at you.	
Murder	You will be put in a huge cauldron of hot water or oil and boiled to death.	
Not wearing a hat on Sunday	You will be put in the stocks or the pillory.	
Heresy (speaking against God or the Church)	You will be burned at the stake.	

## Role-play Cards

William had no food to eat and no one to help him. He decided the only thing he could do was to steal some money from a passer-by so he could buy some bread from the baker. He went to the busy market and carefully reached out to cut the string that held a man's purse. As he did so, the man turned around and saw him! William tried to run but he was caught. He gave the money back but it was too late. He had his hand cut off and a big 'T' was branded on his forehead so that everyone would know he was a thief forever.



Mary had always been known as a gossip. She loved to talk to all the people who came to her market stall where she sold the vegetables she grew in her garden. One day, her husband was at the stall and he overheard Mary talking to her friend about some trouble he had got into. Her husband was furious and he decided to put Mary in the scold's bridle to teach her a lesson. Mary had to walk around town with the metal cage over her head. Every time she tried to speak, the bit would cut into her tongue and her lips would bleed. Her husband hoped she had learnt never to talk about him behind his back again.



Percy loved gambling but he wasn't very good at it. He owed a lot of money to a man who didn't like to be owed money. He got angrier and angrier but Percy had no money to pay him back with. He knew he didn't have much time before the man would send him to prison. He decided to use a poisonous plant to kill the man. He thought that no one would be able to guess it was him who poisoned his ale. Carefully, he crushed the plant into his cup when he thought no one was looking. But the bar maid had seen! She ran for help and Percy was caught before he knew what was going on. He was sentenced to die by boiling to death in a cauldron of scolding hot oil.

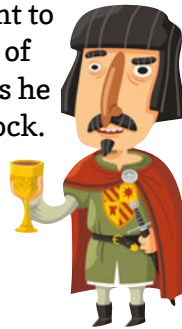


Edward and his wife had always wanted a baby. They waited for years and years and finally the day came when his wife gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Edward was so happy that he went out to the tavern to celebrate with his friends and toast his son. Edward and his friends had a great time but soon Edward got drunk. He decided he should get home so he started wandering home. He was singing loudly as he was still so happy about his child. Edward didn't notice that he was being followed. Two men grabbed his arms and threw him into jail for the night for being drunk in public. The next day, Edward had to wear the drunkard's cloak (a barrel with holes for the head, arms and legs) and made to walk around the town all day. He was very ashamed of himself.

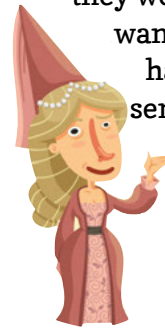


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Lord Thomas came from an old and important family. He didn't like that the Tudors were now the rulers of England and wanted his own son to become king. He started to talk in secret with his family about how they could become the royal family. However, one of his servants overheard their plotting and went to tell the king. Lord Thomas was taken to the Tower of London and was charged with treason. For three days he waited in the Tower and then he was taken to the block. There were crowds of people who had come out to watch the execution who were shouting things at him. He slowly put his head on the block. The executioner cut his head off with one chop.



Margaret had always been clever and she loved reading. Lots of new ideas about religion were reaching England from Germany and other countries. She knew that these books were forbidden as they went against the Catholic Church, but she desperately wanted to read them. She thought that the new ideas about having the Bible in English instead of Latin were very sensible and what God would want so that everyone could read His word. However, one day she left her book on a table by mistake. She was tried as a heretic (someone who goes against the Church). They tied her to a stake on a bonfire and she was burned to death.



Robert and Charles were always having disagreements. One day, they started talking about whose horse was fastest. Sure enough, their discussion turned into an argument and as usual they began to fight. Unluckily for them, a Justice of the Peace was riding by and he saw the skirmish. He ordered the two men to be put in the stocks for two days. Robert and Charles had their feet locked in a wooden trap and for two days they had to sit there and have rotten eggs, fruit, vegetables and other nasty things thrown at them.



Anna was liked by everyone in her village but one night the local butcher had a dream that she was a witch. This was enough to have her tried for witchcraft as everyone feared witches more than anything else. She knew she was innocent and she tried to plead her case with the villagers but no one believed her. Anna was placed in the ducking stool and her hands were tied together. She was plunged into the water. She sank straight to the bottom of the water which showed the villagers that she had been innocent after all. But Anna died anyway. They found her body at the bottom of the water and she was given a proper funeral.

