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1. **Adversarial System**- A legal system of common law origin where two parties advocate opposing positions and a neutral finder of fact such as a judge or jury determines the truth in the matter
2. **Bench Trial**-A trial without a jury, in which the judge serves as the fact-finder
3. **Bill Of Rights**-The first ten Amendments to the Constitution which guarantee many fundamental rights
4. **Corrections**- The various methods and institutions by which society deals with criminal offenders, such as prisons, jails, probation, and parole
5. **Courts**-Government entity authorized to resolve legal disputes
6. **Crime**-An act or omission that is prohibited by law and has an associated punishment
7. **Criminal Justice System**-The several sets of agencies and processes established by governments to prevent and control crime and impose penalties on those who violate laws
8. **Due Process**-In criminal law, the constitutional guarantee that a defendant will receive a fair and impartial trial
9. **Equality**-Treating everyone the same
10. **Equity**-Giving everyone what they deserve
11. **Exclusionary Rule**-Doctrine that says evidence obtained in violation of a criminal defendant's constitutional or statutory rights is not admissible at trial
12. **Fifth Amendment**-The Fifth Amendment imposes restrictions on the government's prosecution of people accused of crimes.
13. **Incarceration**-Imprisonment
14. **Just Deserts**-A deserved punishment.
15. **Lex Talionis**-A Latin legal phrase signifying the law of retaliation, whereby criminals are punished to the same degree and kind as the harm done by their crimes
16. **Police**-A civil (rather than military) force tasked with the prevention and detection of crime and disorder, as well as many service functions
17. **Retributive Justice**-A model of criminal justice based on the punishment of offenders rather than other goals such as rehabilitation
18. **Rule of Law**-The principle of government by established law rather than the will of a group or individual.
19. **Statute**-A law passed by a legislature
20. **Trial by Jury**-A type of trial where a jury (usually composed of 12 citizens) decides if the prosecutor has proven guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.