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Research Paper Outline on Hammurabi’s Code

# Introduction: Remember you want to grab the audiences’ attention!

Discuss systems of law. **Example**:

Governments and laws have been a part of our societies for many years. Different governments have evolved around the world and created different lasting influences over the years. One of the world’s original governments was in Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia had a great ruler, named Hammurabi. Hammurabi has become known for his system of laws which he put in place, and the lasting influence it has had on major political systems today, including the United States.

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# Body Paragraph Two: Who was Hammurabi? Why was he so important? Provide the read with five facts about Hammurabi and why he is important. (Hint: Do not discuss the Code yet, just Hammurabi and then introduce the Code) Examples: Hammurabi ruled from ? to ?. Hammurabi was the leader of which nation?

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# Body Paragraph Three: What was Hammurabi’s Code? Why was it important? How did he ensure everyone knew the laws? How did it affect the community? What has been the Code’s lasting impact? List the answers to the questions below.

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# Body Paragraph Four: How have Hammurabi’s Code affect laws and legal systems today? What are similarities between the legal systems? The differences? List at least five facts about Hammurabi’s Code and today’s laws.

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# Conclusion: Now tie it all together. Here you can bring in your opinions on whether or not you think Hammurabi’s Code is fair or cruel!

**Example:**

Overall, Hammurabi’s Code has been an important development in legal systems and governments that have occurred throughout the world’s history. During Hammurabi’s reign and afterwards the Code helped to keep order in the Mesopotamian Civilization and helped to influence other government systems to write down their laws as well. However, the Code was very harsh and relied on violence to stop violence. This I disagree with. Hammurabi’s Code did bring order to the society at the time it was created but I am glad the laws today have changed. Without Hammurabi’s Code, government and legal systems may be completely different today making the code invaluable.

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