

Civics
Legal Rights and Responsibilities
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Answer the following:

1. What three systems of law were based on Roman law?
2. What was the first known system of written law?
3. Who wrote, in 1779, that Massachusetts should have “a government of laws, not of men”?
4. Which state has a system of law based on the Napoleonic Code?
5. The most important source of American law is _____
law.
6. What two types of laws affect Americans directly?
7. Crimes are graded as either _____ or
_____, depending on their seriousness.
8. _____ law comprises treaties, customs, and
agreements among nations.
9. What judicial process, which bases findings on the decisions in previous cases,
means “let the decision stand”?
10. Name the four amendments in the Bill of Rights that protect the rights of people
accused of crimes.
11. The protection from “unreasonable searches and seizures” is found in which
amendment?
12. The U.S. Supreme court ruled the Sixth Amendment means if a defendant cannot
afford a lawyer the state must provide one in what famous 1963 decision?
13. The Eighth Amendment prohibits “excessive _____”.