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Justinian Code Activity

Having unified the two empires, Justinian set up a panel of legal experts to regulate Constantinople’s increasingly complex society. The panel searched through years of Roman law and found a number of laws that were outdated and contradictory. The panel created a single, uniform code known as the Justinian Code.

Now that you’ve learned about the story of Justinian and the Justinian Code, it is your turn to play the part of legal council. Your group has been given a set of laws. Like the Roman laws, some are outdated and some even contradict themselves.

**Your task is to choose which laws should be kept in 2013 and which ones should be revised or deleted from the books.**

1. Read through the laws with your group members.
2. Evaluate which should be kept, which should be revised and which should be removed.
3. Choose to change or remove at least 5 laws, although you may change or remove as many as the time allows, **but for each law you change or remove, you must provide an explanation as to why you made the change (or removed it).**
   1. Each explanation must be AT LEAST two sentences long.
4. Your group should be read to share your work with the class at the end of the period.
   1. Be sure you know why your group made the decisions that it made!
      * All areas wherein mosquitoes incubate or hatch are declared to be public nuisances, as harmful or inimical to the health, welfare and prosperity of the inhabitants and may be abated as hereinafter provided.
      * It is illegal to stand around any building without a good reason to be there.
      * 7-3-3: ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PERMIT: No person shall engage in the following activities, except pursuant to a permit for the activity: G. Use park property for starting or landing of aircraft, hot air balloons, parachutes or hang gliders. (Ord. 662, 1-20-1999)
      * 845.010. Public Nuisances Affecting Peace, Safety and General Welfare. The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace, safety and general welfare: interfering with, obstructing or rendering dangerous for passage, a public highway or right-of-way, or waters used by the public;
      * Hamburgers may not be eaten on Sundays.
      * A person may not cross state lines with a duck atop his head.
      * No child under the age of twelve may talk over the telephone unless monitored by a parent.
      * There is a ten cent bounty for each rat head brought into a town office.
      * In addition to being asked if they want to be an organ donor, people applying for a driver’s license or state identification card will be asked to contribute $2 to a donor awareness campaign. The same question will be posed when registering and transferring title on a motor vehicle.
      * Bicycle riders are now allowed to stop and clear traffic, then proceed through a red light. If you see bicyclists going through red lights this is now legal due to the fact that at some intersections they cannot “trigger” a green light.
      * The law allows for the use of “drive cams” that monitor and record driver behavior and are located on the rearview mirror. This sets the limits and allows the use of these devices.
      * It is unlawful for any person to operate or permit the operation of a children's camp, regardless of whether a fee is charged for such use, unless Hennepin County has issued a valid license therefor which is in full force and effect. Licensing of children's camps shall be done pursuant to Hennepin County Ordinance No. 1. Only a person who complies with the provisions of this ordinance and ordinances applicable thereto of the city or cities in which the children's camp is located shall be entitled to receive a license.
      * No technician shall perform body art procedures while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 152.01, subd. 4, or hazardous substances as defined in the rules adopted under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 182.