

## TEST – CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

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1. Which crimes does the death penalty apply to in the U.S. today ? **murder, rape, treason**
2. Name a few countries in which the death penalty is a legal form of punishment. Refer to the map. \_  
**United States, China, Middle Eastern countries, India, Japan etc..**
3. How were criminals executed in revolutionary France? **beheading**
4. Name some reasons in favor of capital punishment: **people who have killed are not allowed to live themselves; appropriate punishment; capital punishment as a deterrent; life imprisonment is too costly etc..**
5. Name some reasons against the death penalty: **racial and social bias (lower class citizens and ethnic minorities are sentenced more often), death penalty is immoral, not appropriate punishment except for murder, wrongful executions, life imprisonment is more effective**
6. When did the Supreme Court overturned its original ruling on capital punishment? **1976**
7. Which state has carried out the most executions since then ? **Texas**
8. Why have some states decided not to continue with executions ? **wrongful executions, innocence proven after execution**
9. Which is the main method of execution in the United States today ? **lethal injection**
10. Why are doctors not allowed to take part in executions? **immoral; they are not allowed to take lives**
11. What was the problem with the gas chamber ? **death is very painful**
12. How were women executed by the Roman Catholic church in the Middle Ages ? **burned to death at the stake**
13. What kind of instrument is the guillotine? When and where was it used ? **beheading instrument; used in France during the French Revolution**
14. What is crucifixion? **criminals are nailed to the cross and die there**
15. Where is stoning still carried out today ? **some Middle Eastern countries**
16. What do the statistics about the race of victims and defendants tell us ? **disproportionate number of Blacks executed ; most victims are white; disproportionate number of non-white inmates on death row**