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# Content Check

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## Teacher Key

### 1. Why is it important for a society to have laws?

Laws help keep people safe. They also let people know how to behave and what will happen if they do something illegal or hurt another person.

### 2. Describe 2 things that we have learned about ancient Mesopotamia based on the Code of Hammurabi.

Answers will vary. Ancient Mesopotamia had a society with laws, they cared about how people acted, they had a lot of rules and punishments, they cared about how people interacted when conducting business, they cared about family relationships.

### 3. Do you think the laws in the Code of Hammurabi influenced laws that govern countries today, like the United States? Why or why not?

Answers will vary. Modern day countries may have been inspired by the Code of Hammurabi, especially concerning having a system of rules and punishments. However, the Code of Hammurabi includes many rules that are harsh or seemingly unfair.