

## Guided Essay: Hammurabi's Code: Was It Just?

### I. INTRODUCTION

A. Grabber

B. Background information on Hammurabi and his Code (year, place, number of laws)

C. Restatement of the question: (Example: Was Hammurabi's Code fair to all people?)

D. Thesis and Road Map: There are three areas of law where Hammurabi's Code can be shown to be \_\_\_\_\_ (just/unjust) . These are \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_ .

### II. BODY PARAGRAPH #1 (Legal area one: \_\_\_\_\_)

A. Baby Thesis: Examples of \_\_\_\_\_ (justice/injustice) can first be found in the area of \_\_\_\_\_ (family law, property law, personal law)

B. Evidence: First,

Second,

C. Argument: These examples show that Hammurabi's Code was (just/unjust) because

**III. BODY PARAGRAPH #2** (Legal area two: \_\_\_\_\_)

A. Baby Thesis: Examples of \_\_\_\_\_ (justice/injustice) can be found in the area of \_\_\_\_\_ (family law, property law, personal law)

B. Evidence: First,

Second,

C. Argument: These examples show that Hammurabi's Code was (just/unjust) because

**IV. BODY PARAGRAPH #3** (Legal area three: \_\_\_\_\_)

A. Baby Thesis: Examples of \_\_\_\_\_ (justice/injustice) can be found in the area of \_\_\_\_\_ (family law, property law, personal law)

B. Evidence: First,

Second,

C. Argument: These examples show that Hammurabi's Code was (just/unjust) because

**V. CONCLUSION**

A. Although statement: Indeed, there are laws in the Code that may seem (just/unjust) For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

B. However, the three examples presented above: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ show that Hammurabi's Code was just/unjust.