

Criminal vs. Civil

Digital Activity/WebQuest

**An Introduction to
Civil vs Criminal Law
Digital Activity and
WebQuest**

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learning management
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or a Sub Day!**

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A NO PREP LESSON!

An Introduction to Criminal vs. Civil Law


- ✔ Students learn about 'preponderance of the evidence' and 'beyond a reasonable doubt.'
- ✔ Students learn about the most common criminal offenses and civil complaints
- ✔ Students analyze different disputes and determine if it is a civil or criminal case.
- ✔ Students to do a web search on the similarities between civil and criminal law.
- ✔ Students are introduced to Tort Law.



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Just send to Google Classroom!**

Criminal vs Civil Law

Criminal Law	Civil Law
Crime as public wrong	Tort as private wrong
Punishment as incarceration or death	Punishment as compensation
Government as prosecutor	Injured person as plaintiff
Proof: Beyond a reasonable doubt	Proof: Preponderance of evidence



Search the web to find out what "beyond a reasonable doubt" means. In your own words, record your findings below...

Search the web to find out what "preponderance of evidence" means. In your own words, record your findings below...

Civil law deals with the disputes between individuals, organizations, or between two, in which cooperation is allowed to the victim.

These are some of the most common types of cases to appear in civil court.

- Contract Disputes. Contract disputes occur when one or more parties who signed a contract cannot or will not fulfill their obligations. ...
- Property Disputes. ...
- Torts. ...
- Class Action Cases. ...
- Complaints Against the City.

Criminal law is the body of law that deals with crime and the legal punishment of criminal offenses.

Types of Criminal Offenses

- assault and battery.
- arson.
- child abuse.
- domestic abuse.
- kidnapping.
- rape and statutory rape.

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Cr-Criminal
C-Civil

Place a Cr or a C to identify the type of law that deals with the situation.

1 There is a suspect arrested for burning down a neighborhood barn.	
2 Martha was accused of insider trading.	
3 Cases dealing with physically hurting another person.	
4 Andy is unhappy with the terms of the contract and Amy is taking him to court to hold up his side of the contract.	
5 Jeremy and Sophie are in disagreement about the amount of rent owed for Sophie's Condo. They go to magistrate court.	
6 A dispute over a property line.	
7 Employees at a daycare are being accused of abusing children.	
8 Jenna is filing a legal complaint against the city of Washington.	
9 There was a domestic dispute at the Anderson's home and someone hit someone else.	
10 Several employees at IKEA are pressing charges against the company for not being paid their overtime pay.	

Web Search

What are the similarities between civil law and criminal law? In your own words, record your findings below...

A TORT LAW is a civil wrong. List 5 examples of tort law below...

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GREAT FOR INTRO TO LAW CLASS, BUSINESS LAW CLASS, INTRO TO BUSINESS CLASS, & CIVICS CLASS

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Teacher Testimonials



This lesson resource is a game-changer for any teacher. It's a **time-saver**, **enhances student engagement**, and offers flexibility for personalized teaching.



Great resource! Helped explain civil and criminal law with more clarity.



I **love** how the interactives break up what can be a long 90 minutes for students. **Denise makes great products that are easy to use.**



I used this resource in my law unit in my Management course. This was a **great add-on** to our lesson for the day. My students **enjoyed** challenging themselves on court cases. Thank you!

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