

PONDERABLES

100 IDEAS
THAT CHANGED HISTORY

LAW

AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY FROM THE FIRST RULERS TO E-JUSTICE

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Here is the essential guide to law, an authoritative reference book and timeline that examines the rules by which we are compelled to live for the benefit of all. Law can be seen as a means of control, and in the earliest communities, elites would have used law to maintain their power. However, a power that treats everyone fairly and balances losses and gains with justice is perhaps the strongest form of government there is. History reflects many attempts to create the just society, from the codes of ancient Mesopotamia, the sharia of the first Muslims, and yasak of Ghengis Khan. The search for justice continues with most modern countries either using civil law, where justice is reached using a set of predefined rules, or common law where judges interpret past decisions about similar issues. Both systems have their flaws, and perhaps the processing power of computers, able to handle Big Data, might do it better. Would you accept perfect justice from a machine? And if so, would you still be free?

- ◆ Contains 100 chronological articles that tell the story of law from the dawn of history to the present day.
- ◆ Authoritative text and exciting imagery accompany each of the steps along the way.
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- ◆ A guide to the world's legal systems sets out the basics approaches.
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