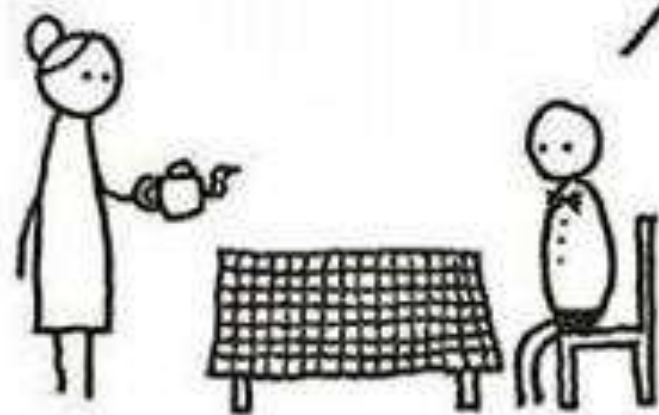


WOULD YOU  
LIKE SOME TEA?

NO.

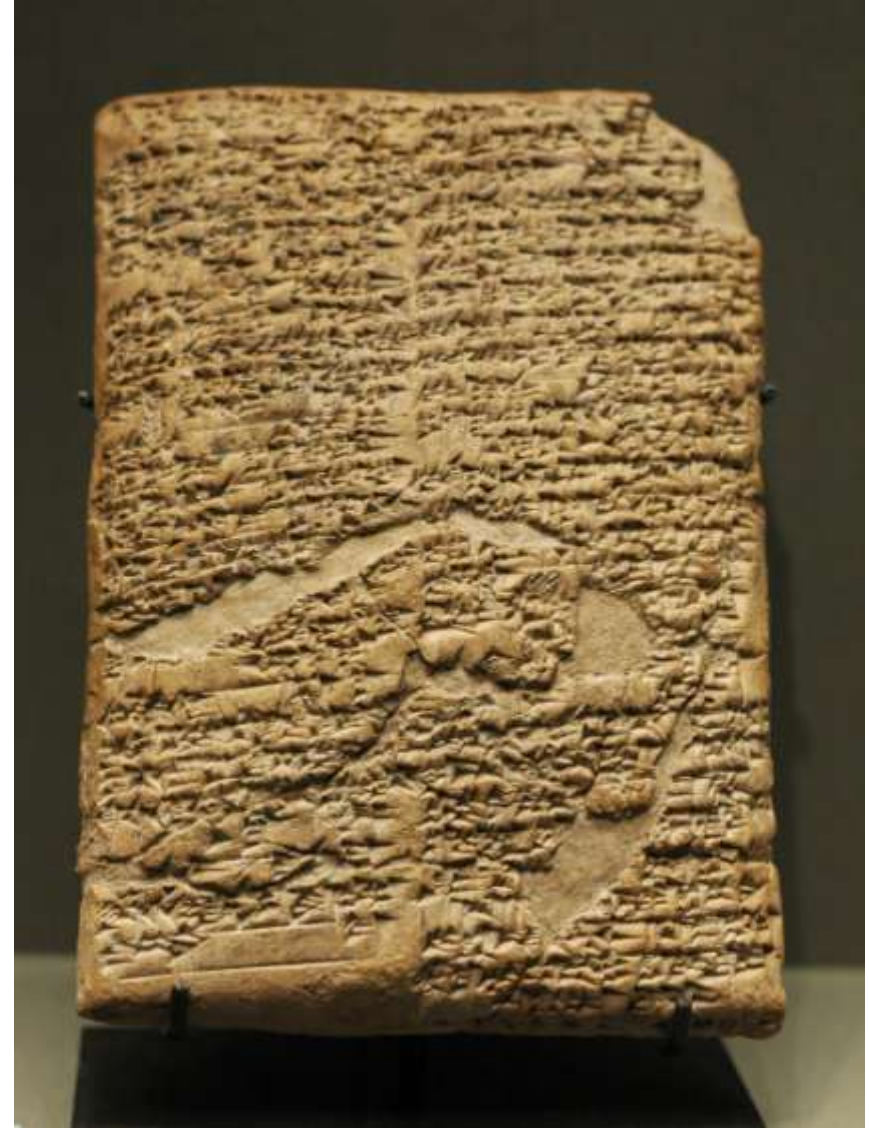


# British Laws - Do we get rid of them?

- Why make people go to school?
- Why have speed limits?
- Won't people just behave anyway?

# We love rules!

- Code of Hammurabi
- Babylonian law code
- 1754 BC
- 282 laws on a clay tablet



# How are laws made in the UK?

- Consultation
- 'Bills' (draft laws) proposed to Select Committees
- Multiple stages before taken to vote
- The Bill then becomes an Act
- Some laws don't apply to all of the UK





WOULD YOU ANSWER  
**THE DOORBELL**  
DURING  
**THE PURGE?**



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IT'S  
**NOT**  
**FAIR!**



# Why do we have laws?

Laws are rules that bind all people living in a community.

- Protect our general safety.
- Ensure our rights as citizens against abuses by other people, by organisations, and by the government itself.



# Laws stop this.....

- I think I'll go an do open heart surgery
- I'll just put this load of mercury in the river
- I'll make a shed load of cash building a block of flats on the cheap and sell them
- I'm in a bad mood today, I feel like taking it out on someone
- I think we should all be able to live where we like in the world. Let's open the borders

# Are all laws good?

- Depends where you are and the system for implementing laws.
- Differences within a country – e.g. Death penalty in the USA
- Discrimination laws – e.g. in Saudi Arabia, women have to have permission to travel if they are under 45 and if they leave the country with or without someone else, the guardian gets a text message.

# Odd Laws in the UK

- It is illegal to die in the Houses of Parliament
- In Scotland, if someone knocks on your door and requires the use of your toilet, you must let them enter.
- It is illegal to enter the Houses of Parliament in a suit of armour.

## Other laws

- In Ohio, it is illegal to get a fish drunk
- In Vermont, women must obtain written permission from their husbands to wear false teeth