

## Self Check Answers Chapter 2

### 2.1 Self Check

1. What are some ways police history affects modern policing?  
History affects modern policing in countless ways, from the structure of today's police agencies to the history of job titles like sheriff or bailiff to the types of units found in a police agency, such as patrol and investigation.
2. How far back can you trace the origin of the present day concepts of criminal law and civil law?  
One of the oldest sources is the Code of Hammurabi, which was written around 1780 B.C. This Code thoroughly covers criminal law, civil law, and Babylonian mores.

### 2.2 Self Check

1. Explain the concept of *lex talionis*.  
*Lex talionis* was an ancient philosophy of justice that means equal retaliation, or an eye for an eye.
2. What are four great contributions of ancient cultures to the development of policing?  
There are many possible answers to this question. Ancient cultures have contributed specific policing techniques like the use of guard dogs, the Praetorian Guard, and the Law of the Twelve Tablets. You may also cite more abstract concepts like democracy, constitutional law, and equal status among citizens.

### 2.3 Self Check

1. What was the tithing system?  
The tithing was the basis of the mutual pledge system. The tithing was a group of ten families who were responsible for each other's behavior. The head of this group was called a tithingman. The tithingman was responsible for sounding the hue and cry when a crime was committed. Ten tithings were organized into a group called the hundred. The head of the hundred was called a reeve.
2. Explain the importance of the Statute of Winchester.  
The Statute of Winchester, issued by King Edward I in 1285, was a serious attempt to develop a police system of watches and wards across England. This was an early English attempt to make the government responsible for policing.

### 2.4 Self Check

1. Explain the thief takers program and tell whether it succeeded.  
The thief takers were private citizens who apprehended criminals for a reward. This program sounded reasonable because it asked citizens to get involved in policing their communities, which is a tenet of today's community policing. The problem with this is that it gave broad policing powers to any citizen who wanted them. As a result, many thief takers were criminals who used the system to blackmail innocent people and fence stolen goods. Therefore, it did not succeed.
2. Who were the Bow Street Runners?  
The Bow Street Runners were the first modern detective force. They operated out of the Bow Street station in London and were known for their speed in arriving at crime scenes.