You are an ancient Mesopotamian ruler who rules over a large city with tens of thousands of other people, some of whom are rather untrustworthy. You must write laws that dictate the punishment for certain crimes that seem to be causing a great deal of problems.

**Directions**: Below, prescribe your own punishments (as the Mesopotamian ruler) for the given situation, and explain why that punishment is justified.

1. A man has placed a curse on another man. (This is very serious since you know that dark magic is very real).
2. You are not sure if an accuser is lying. What do you do?
3. A man has lied to the courts or has threatened a witness!
4. A man has tried to bribe a witness!
5. A man has injured another man’s slave!
6. A man has attacked a man of higher status!
7. A man has put another man’s eye out!