

# Understanding Laws

**Q1. Write in your own words what you understand by the term the 'rule of law'. In your response include a fictitious or real example of a violation of the rule of law.**

**Answer:** Law is a system of rules, usually imposed through a government or institution and implemented to operate a set of people. Every law is the same for every citizen in the country. Neither the President nor any other high official is above the law. The punishment for any crime will be the same for every person whether it is for office or power. For example, if the clerk is punished for corruption, the same punishment should be given to the higher officer for commit the crime of corruption.

**Q2. State two reasons why historians refute the claim that the British introduced the rule of law in India.**

**Answer:** Following are two reasons why historians refute to claim that the British introduced the rule of law in India:

1. Colonial law was arbitrary
2. Indian nationalists played a major role in the development of the legal field in the British India.

**Q3. Re-read the storyboard on how a new law on domestic violence got passed. Describe in your own words the different ways in which women's groups worked to make this happen.**

**Answer:** Women's groups worked hard and tirelessly to pass the new law on domestic violence in India. They have included various protests for public protests, hearings, and meetings with other organizations, press conferences and demands for monetary relief to the government to introduce a new reform bill on domestic violence, protection against shared house evictions and security orders against further violence. Several women's organizations and the National Commission for Women made presentations to the Parliamentary Standing Committee. The new bill was introduced in Parliament in 2005. Whereas prior to this, domestic violence was only recorded against a woman by an adult male with "injury or harm or injury or threat of harm". The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 in 2006 included physical, economic, sexual, verbal and emotional abuse.

**Q4. Write in your own words what you understand by the following sentence on page 44-45: They also began fighting for greater equality and wanted to change the idea of law from a set of rules that they were forced to obey, to the law as including ideas of justice.**

**Answer:** Before independence, India was forced to follow the rules laid down by the British government. This set of rules was arbitrary and not authorized by Indian nationalists. The struggle against the British was also the purpose of creating a rule that was fair and fair to all and Indians were not forced to follow only freedom. Indian nationalists began to struggle for their rights and wanted a set of rules for everyone to be equal.