



What Is a Sheriff? - Quiz

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Q1. What is the origin of the word 'sheriff'?

- A. From the French word for 'guardian'
- B. From the combination of 'shire' and 'reeve'
- C. From the Latin word for 'law'
- D. From the German word for 'protector'

Q2. In which century did sheriffs first come into existence?

- A. 5th century
- B. 9th century
- C. 12th century
- D. 15th century

Q3. What document included 27 clauses related to sheriffs?

- A. The Declaration of Independence
- B. The Bill of Rights
- C. The Magna Carta
- D. The Constitution

Q4. Which of the following is NOT a duty of medieval English sheriffs?

- A. Collecting taxes
- B. Maintaining jails
- C. Serving writs for the king's court
- D. Leading military campaigns

Q5. What percentage of sheriffs in America are elected?

- A. 75%
- B. 85%
- C. 98%
- D. 100%

Q6. Which state does NOT have county sheriff offices?

- A. California
- B. Texas
- C. Alaska
- D. Florida

Q7. What is a common educational requirement for becoming a sheriff?

- A. High school diploma
- B. PhD in Criminal Justice
- C. No formal education required
- D. Medical degree

Q8. What is the primary duty of a modern sheriff?

- A. Providing police protection to unincorporated areas of the county
- B. Leading federal investigations
- C. Managing state prisons
- D. Overseeing city police departments

Q9. Which of the following is an additional responsibility of sheriffs?

- A. Teaching at police academies
- B. Running community outreach programs
- C. Writing national laws
- D. Designing police uniforms

Q10. What do sheriffs often coordinate with other law enforcement agencies on?

- A. Issues with overlapping jurisdictions
- B. Designing new police vehicles
- C. Creating national holidays
- D. Writing television scripts

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: D
5. Q5: C
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: A