**We the People**

**“Six Goals of the American Legal System”**

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Please take notes in the spaces provided below as we discuss the following:

**1) Definition of “common law”**

* + a body of general rules prescribing social conduct,

* + enforced/interpreted by the courts,
  + characterized by the development of its own principles in actual legal controversy,
  + by the procedure of trial by jury,
  + and the doctrine of the supremacy of the law.

**2) Definition of “jurisprudence”**

* + the study of law and legal philosophy.

**3) Six Goals of the American Legal System: List two examples for each.**

Protecting basic human rights

* + - 1. ex.
      2. ex.

Promoting Fairness

1. ex.

2. ex.

Helping resolve conflicts

* + - 1. ex.
      2. ex.

Promoting Order and Stability

1. ex.

2. ex.

Protect the rights of minorities

1. ex.

2. ex.

Representing the will of the majority

1. ex.

2. ex.