

THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEATH PENALTY

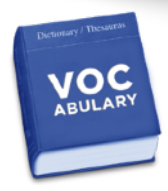
INTRODUCTION

Doc A



1. Introduce the documents.
2. Do you recognise this symbol?
 - compare it with doc B
3. What do you think it means?

balance: scale
yeux bandés: blindfolded
épée: sword
rameau: branch



« Lady Justice »

Lady Justice is a common sight on courthouses and legal institutions. There is regional variation on her precise depiction, though certain fundamentals are constant: She carries a sword, scales for weighing, and usually (though not always) wears a blindfold. She is garbed in a Greco-Roman toga or tunica, in the tradition of classical goddesses, philosophers and prophets. Images of her can be found across the world.

Doc B



1. Introduce the document.
2. Who is represented?
 - Explain how you guessed it.
3. What is the topic presented here?
 - How do you know?
4. What do you know about it?

hâche: axe
Trancher: to slice
Bourreau: executioner

