“The Twelve Tables and the Justinian Code”
Comparative Analysis Questions

Answer the following questions using “Justinian’s Code Reading”.

1. In the opening paragraph, the author of the text states that the Bill of Rights was “saved and protected, so that all citizens today and in the future would enjoy the same rights.” Do all citizens in the United States have equal rights and are these rights protected; regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.

2. The author of the text claims, that “Justinian wrote laws that were fair for everyone because he thought about the needs of all people.” After reading the brief selection of Justinian’s laws do you believe this is a valid statement? Why or why not?

3. Explain the relationship between Justinian’s Code and the justice system in the contemporary western world.
4. Compare and contrast the laws regulating marriage in the Twelve Tables and Justinian’s Code. What are the similarities and/or differences?

5. Analyze the laws in Justinian’s Code regarding parental rights. How do Justinian's laws favor the elder males within the family unit?