

**FIGURE 2.1**

## Key Events in Corrections: Ancient Times to 1789 A.D.

### Ancient Times

Ancient Egyptian, Grecian, and Roman jails existed as the first type of correctional facility; both major and minor crimes could be punished severely

### Fifth century

Galley slavery was used by seafaring nations until the 18th century

### 1553 A.D.

First bridewell, or workhouse and poorhouse, developed in England

1080

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The White Tower was completed inside the Tower of London

1553

1606

### 1606 A.D.

First official American Jail built in Jamestown, Virginia

### Middle Ages

#### (fifth to the 15th century):

Early forms of jails and prisons existed in sheriffs' houses (jails), castle keeps, dungeons, and monasteries