



Fact Sheet Number 7.

The Gibbet

The following information should start you on your journey into the past

**"At Halifax, the Law so sharpe doth deale,
That who so more than thirteen pence doth steale,
They have a jyn that wondrous quicke and well
Sends Thieves all headless unto Heav'n or Hell"**

Create a light radio item in the form of a recipe, "The Great Halifax Head Off!. Make it sound like a cookery programme using Adobe Audition to create the sound effects and create a theme tune.

1. Take one criminal
2. Place criminal's head on the chopping block
3. Use an axe (weighing) seven pounds twelve ounces
4. Pull the axe to the top of the wooden frame (you will need a horse, cord and pulley to do this)
5. Make sure that the pin at the end of the cord is securely fixed to the block
6. keep it suspended till the moment of execution
7. withdraw the pin
8. separate the head from the body by letting the axe fall