Lesson 2: The rule of law from a comparative perspective

- Please visit the following website and determine which of the four legal traditions each of the countries fall under. (China, England, France, and Japan) After making this determination, please write a paragraph or two description of the legal tradition and why you think these countries have adhered to this tradition:


- Please write a paragraph or two and distinguish the difference between substantive and procedural law in these four countries.
- Please summarize the origins of American law and do a similar comparison of the four other countries mentioned.
- Please visit the following website and write a paragraph on each country and relate the role of the courts in each country:


Please answer the following questions related to the rule of law.

1. What is the importance of the Magna Carta for American Criminal law and did you find related documents related to the other countries law origins?
2. What are some of the factors that contribute to wrongful convictions in America, France, England, Japan, and China?