

Chapter 15

The Bill of Rights

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First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Second Amendment: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Third Amendment: No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Fourth Amendment: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Fifth Amendment: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Sixth Amendment: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Seventh Amendment: In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Eighth Amendment: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Ninth Amendment: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Tenth Amendment: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.



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Below, use one of these ideas to share what you know about the Bill of Rights:

Journal Prompt:

- Which of the 10 amendments in the Bill of Rights is the most important?

Time Line:

- Create a timeline of the Bill of Rights.

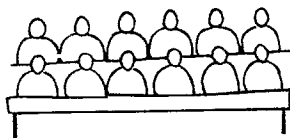
Concept Maps:

- Develop a concept map that includes: Bill of rights, amendments, liberties, first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth (and more).
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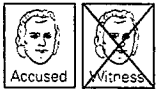


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PROCESSING 15

Use your knowledge of the Bill of Rights to determine whether each of the newspaper headlines below describes an event that is legal in the United States. Below each headline, write one or two sentences explaining why the event is legal or illegal

① *The U.S. Times*

Writer Jailed for Magazine Article
Critiquing President!

② *The U.S. Times*

Robbery Suspect Refuses
to Testify!

③ *The U.S. Times*

Teen Given Life Sentence
for Jaywalking!

④ *The U.S. Times*

Government Pays for Murder
Suspect's Defense Lawyer!