

The 27 amendments

Name _____ Period _____

The following situations are examples of the 27 amendments at work. Decide which amendment governs the situation given and put the number of the amendment in the blank. Use **each amendment only once**.

_____ 1. In which Constitutional amendment is the paragraph ensuring that all powers not delegated to the federal government are indeed “reserved for either the states or the people?”

_____ 2. Former president Clinton was elected twice by the people. He could NOT be elected to serve a third term. Which amendment states a President cannot serve more than two terms in office.

_____ 3. Joey Schabadeau hires a Panamanian woman as a maid. He figures he will not pay her and not let her out of the house. Joey considers her his property. What amendment prevents this from happening?

_____ 4. We do not have to let soldiers live in our homes (unless you’re into that). This privilege from being forced to quarter soldiers in our homes is a part of which Constitutional amendment?

_____ 5. Wyoming Senator Jesop Jorge Jewel starts a bill in the Senate to give Senators and Representatives a 13.5 percent raise in salary. He also wants to make sure he gets his salary raise when the bill is signed. What amendment protects the taxpaying voters from this happening.

_____ 6. Clifford Claypool is arrested for knocking down old Mrs. Kimball (age 72) and then stealing her purse that contained \$6.60. At the police station, Clifford is treated rather harshly by the officers in charge and is bodily “thrown” into a cell. He overhears the arresting officer say that they are going to “throw the book” at him for doing such a lowly thing to such a nice little old lady. Clifford knows that he is a rascal, but he also chuckles at the comment because he knows that his penalty cannot be too harsh for committing such a minor offense as “purse snatching.” Which amendment makes Clifford so certain?

_____ 7. Woodbury High School Senior, Ima Royal, is looking forward to voting on Election Day. What amendment gives this 18-year-old the right to vote in the next national election?