



Amendments for a Better Constitution

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Directions: The following scenarios deal with the many changes made to The Constitution of the United States of America. Read the scenario and list the number of the Amendment being violated or protected in the scenario. Then write the name of the amendment.

1. Erin is pulled over at a roadblock where police are stopping all cars to search for money stolen in a bank robbery five blocks away. What amendment could Erin use to say that this search is unconstitutional?
_____ Name: _____
2. President Sumler was planning a third run for President of the United States. What amendment prevents him from holding office any longer than two terms?
_____ Name: _____
3. In 1870, Kunte Kinte's great great grandson, Philippe, was still being told by his white "master" that he must stay and work as a slave. Which amendment had earlier been passed that would make the holding of slave unconstitutional?
_____ Name: _____
4. Otterboy thinks the making and selling of fur coats is a horrible mistreatment of animals. What amendment allows him to participate in a protest march in front of a department store that sells fur coats?
_____ Name: _____
5. Grant was arrested two months ago for jaywalking and is still in jail, awaiting a trial. What amendment, guaranteeing him of a speedy trial, could he use to say he is being treated unconstitutionally?
_____ Name: _____
6. McDermott, who is 25 years old and still in the 8th grade, wants to buy a new hunting rifle. What amendment might she use to say that she has the basic right to own a weapon?
_____ Name: _____
7. The city of OFarrelville had two newspapers. The Smith Times often printed articles in favor of the local mayor. The McKay News however, was very critical of him. When McKay News wrote that the mayor might not have the best interests of the city in mind, the mayor ordered the paper closer, and McKay News went out of business.
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8. When Alex went to her local polling place to vote for local elections, she was told to pay \$5.00 to process the vote. Which amendment could she use to say the payment to vote is unconstitutional?
_____ Name: _____
9. Dorf Dorhman just celebrated her 18th birthday. Which amendment allows her to vote in the next public election?
_____ Name: _____
10. Vice-President Jordan "I don't pass the ball" Johnson just learned that the President Harmon died of a heart attack. Which amendment sets up the rule that Jordan "I don't pass the ball" Johnson will now become President?
_____ Name: _____
11. Which amendment gives powers not mentioned in the Constitution to the people and the states?
_____ Name: _____
12. When the Jonas Brothers were arrested for shoplifting, they asked the judge to set bail so that they could be free to continue to sing their bad music while they were awaiting the trial. The judge agreed, and set bail at one trillion dollars. Because they could not afford that amount, they remained in jail. (Thank You!)
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13. Coomes was told that women were not allowed to vote for the mayor of Bigotville. Which Constitutional amendment gave women the right to vote?
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