



Amendments for a Better Constitution

Name: _____
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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.

- 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: _____
- 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: _____
- 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: _____
- 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: _____
- 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: _____
- 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: _____
- 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 fired the newspaper and the McKay News did not challenge the ruling through their editors.

THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLAIMED THAT CHILDREN HAVE THE SAME CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH INSIDE SCHOOL AS THEY DO OUTSIDE OF IT. THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT HERE OF THE CLASSROOM" NEEDED TO BE PROTECTED OVER THE STUDENT'S FREE SPEECH RIGHTS. THE STUDENTS APPEALED BUT THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS. THE JUSTICES OF THIS COURT WERE NOT IN AGREEMENT OVER THE CASE, SO THE RULING AGAINST THE STUDENTS REMAINED IN EFFECT. THE NEXT STEP WAS THE SUPREME COURT, WHO ISSUED ITS RULING ON FEB. 24, 1969.

HOW WOULD YOU DECIDE THIS CASE?