

The Bill of Rights and Other Amendments

What do you know about the amendments to the constitution?

Fact Check

- Check **T** if the sentence is **True**.
Circle **F** if it is **False**.
- T F** 1. The first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights.
- T F** 2. No more amendments can be added to the Constitution today.
- T F** 3. Freedom of religion means that the government is free to decide what religion is best for people.
- T F** 4. One of the amendments gives people the right to own a weapon.
- T F** 5. Another amendment made buying and selling alcohol illegal.
- T F** 6. Hundreds of amendments have been added to the Constitution.
- T F** 7. The Equal Rights Amendment was the last amendment added to the Constitution.

Word Check

Choose the words that best complete these sentences.

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| Abolished | Repeal |
| Petition | Warrant |
1. A _____ is a legal order to search a building or a person.
 2. Amendment 13 _____ (ended) slavery in America in 1865.
 3. A _____ is a written request to the government asking it to do something.
 4. To _____ an amendment means to legally end it.

What's the Idea?

Draw a line under the words that complete each sentence.

1. The Bill of Rights protects people's rights and limits the national government. That means it limits
 - a) only the President.
 - b) only Congress.
 - c) all three branches.
2. Amendment 17 calls for the direct election of the United States senators. In a direct election, senators are chosen by
 - a) the voters in each state.
 - b) the state legislatures.
 - c) the House of Representatives.
3. In 1920, Amendment 19 gave suffrage to women. Suffrage is the right to
 - a) vote.
 - b) hold a job.
 - c) own property.
4. Amendment 25 makes sure that we always have a president and a Vice-President. Who becomes President if he or she dies while in office?
 - a) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - b) The Secretary of State
 - c) The Vice-President
5. Freedom of speech means that people can say anything
 - a) no matter what it is.
 - b) as long as it doesn't harm others.
 - c) that the government approves of.