





# What is a Right?

Lesson Activities

# Courtroom



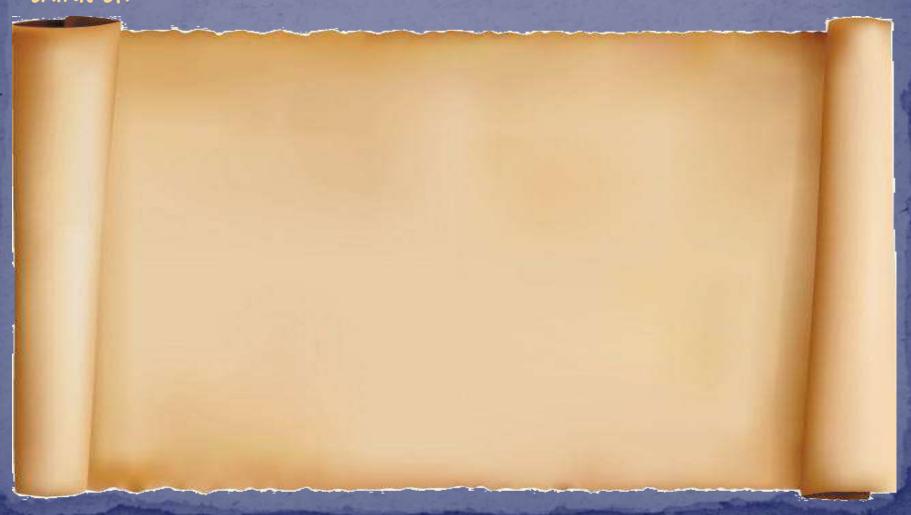
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# What Does it Mean to Have a Right?

How would you explain it to someone? Or think about it this way: How would you know you did NOT have a right? List everything you can think of!



# Different Kinds of Rights

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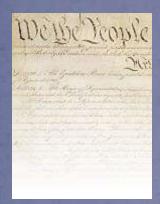


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#### Next...





Choose your Language

What are your constitutional rights? Can you recognize when they've been violated? Play the game and find out!

# You Have Rights

Post-Game Activities

# Rights Scramble! (Must exit slide show mode to drag numbers)

Drag the numbers to label each right with the amendment where it is found:











Vote at

Freedom of Religion

Due Process

Equality Under the Law

Impartial Jury

Own Weapons

No Cruel or Unusual Punishment

Vote Regardless of Race

Keep Private Property No Slavery

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Freedom of Expression

# Rights Decoder! (Must exit slide show mode to drag shapes)

Can you match the rights from the game to the illustration? Drag them to make pairs!



Freedom of Religion



Freedom of Expression

Speedy and Public Trial



**Keep Private Property** 





Impartial Jury



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Vote at Age 18



# The Most Important Amendment

Which amendment do you think is most important? Fill in the blank and draw a picture in the box. Then complete the writing prompt below.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment



The	Amendment protects the right	t to
		It is the most
important amendment because		

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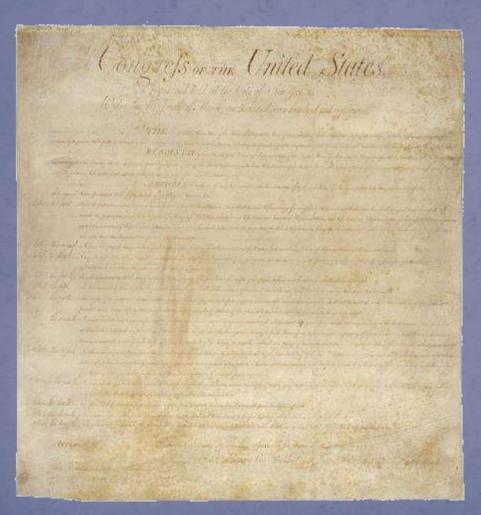
Which amendment do you think is most important? Why? Complete the graphic organizer. Then use your ideas to help answer the question.

The \_\_\_\_ Amendment

Protections

Reasons It's Important

# Check Out the Real Deal



Click to see a transcript of all the constitutional amendments.

(Must be in slide show mode for the link to work.)

Find and highlight ones you recognize!

# Different Kinds of Rights Do any of the rights fit these categories?

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# Mini-Quiz

Test Your Knowledge

# 1) The rights in the Constitution are enforceable against...

- A. Parents
- ✓B. The government
  - C. Other people

- 2) The right not to have soldiers living in your home is an example of...
  - A. They can't treat me this way!
  - B. They can't stop me from doing this!
- ✓ C. They can't force me to do this!
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- 3) The right against cruel and unusual punishment is an example of...
- ✓A. They can't treat me this way!
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- 4) The right to have your own car when you turn 16 is an example of...
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# 5) The right of citizens over age 18 to vote is an example of...

- A. They can't treat me this way!
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- 6) The right against a religion established by the government is an example of...
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# 7) Constitutional rights are mainly found in...

- VA. Additions called amendments
  - B. The main parts of the Constitution
  - C. Lists made by early Americans

# 8) The first 10 amendments are called...

- A. The Later Amendments
- B. The Declaration of Independence
- ✓ C. The Bill of Rights

# 9) Which of these does the Constitution NOT protect?

- A. Freedom of Expression
- B. Speedy Trial
- ✓ C. Make Loud Noise at Night
  - D. No Unreasonable Searches

# 10) Which of these is NOT the topic of a constitutional right?

A. Weapons

B. Voting

C. Soldiers

VD. Chores

# 11) Which of these is NOT okay for the government to do?

- ✓A. Put you on trial twice for the same crime
  - B. Stop you from voting if you are 13 years old
  - C. Apply the law to you the same as to everyone else

12) To enforce your constitutional rights, you would hire a...

A. Client

√B. Lawyer

C. Judge

D. Police officer

# Answers

Activity Answer Keys

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Impartial Jury

