

Title: Do You Know Your Bill of Rights?

Corresponding Student Center Pages: The Role of the Federal Courts; The Constitution and Rights

Age Level: Grades 4-12

Suggested Time Needed: 1 class period

Description: This is a simple puzzle activity that asks students to identify rights that are found in the Bill of Rights. They will use the Judicial Learning Center's "The Constitution and Rights" section to find the answers to the puzzle.

Educational Objectives:

After completing this activity, students will:

- Have a greater understanding of the rights and liberties presented in the Bill of Rights.
- Be able to identify the rights granted in the Bill of Rights, by Amendment.

Guiding Questions:

- Why is the Bill of Rights so important?
- How would the United States be different if we did not have the rights that are listed in the puzzle?

Missouri Grade Level and Course Level Expectations:

- Role of citizens and governments in carrying out constitutional principles – Identify rights included in the Bill of Rights.
- Identify and use library and media sources for social science inquiry.

Materials List:

- Access to laptops or computer lab and the internet
- Handout

Procedure:

1. Place students into groups of 2, 3, or 4 depending on your class size and access to computers.
2. Instruct students to navigate their internet browsers to the page they will use:
 - a. Student Center page – The Constitution and Rights
3. Distribute copies of Handout – Do You Know Your Bill of Rights?
4. Allow time to complete.
5. Conclusion. Go over the answers with the class. Ask these follow up questions:
 - Do some of the amendments in the Bill of Rights seem more important than the others? Which ones and why?
 - What are your 1st Amendment freedoms?
6. Review the Guiding Questions
 - Why is the Bill of Rights so important?
 - How would the United States be different if we did not have the rights that are listed in the puzzle?

Key to Puzzle

- 1: Cruel or Unusual
- 2: Exercise
- 3: Civil
- 4: Incrimination
- 5: Impartial
- 6: Double
- 7: Indictment
- 8: Bail
- 9: Bear Arms
- 10: Freedom of Speech
- 11: Warrant
- 12: Petition
- 13: Search & Seizure
- 14: Due Process

Students will spell out the words: CIVIL LIBERTIES if they got all answer correct

Handout: Do You Know Your Bill of Rights?

Directions: Go to The Constitution and Rights page of the Judicial Learning Center website, and read the information on the Bill of Rights to find the answers to the puzzle below.

Link: <http://judiciallearningcenter.org/the-constitution-and-rights/>

1. The 8th Amendment protects us from ___ or ___ punishment.

_____ or _____
(1)

2. The 1st Amendment ensures your free ___ of religion, or your right to worship as you choose.

(2)

3. The 7th Amendment gives us the right to a jury trial in ___ cases.

(3)

4. The 5th Amendment protects you from self-___, or from having to be a witness against yourself in a criminal trial.

(4)

5. The 6th Amendment guarantees you a right to a speedy and public trial, by a(an) ___ jury.

(5)

6. The 5th Amendment protects you from ___ jeopardy, which ensures that you cannot be tried twice for the same crime.

(6)

7. The 5th Amendment states that we cannot be held to answer for capital or other infamous crimes, unless on _____ of a Grand Jury.

(7)

8. The 8th Amendment protects us from excessive ___ and fines.

(8)

9. The 2nd Amendment protects our right to ___.

(9)

10. The 1st Amendment protects our right to ___ of __, both the spoken and symbolic kind.

_____ of _____
(10)

11. The 4th Amendment guarantees that the government cannot search our property or person without a legal ___.

(11)

12. The 1st Amendment guarantees your right to ___ the government if you have a grievance.

(12)

13. The 4th Amendment tells us that we have the right to be secure in our persons, houses, and papers from government ___ & ___?

_____ & _____
(13)

14. The 5th Amendment protects us from loss of life, liberty or property without ___ of law.

(14)

Now, put all the bold print words in the spaces below. It should spell a word or phrase:

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14