

# I Have Rights?!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Can They Do That?** Read each person's story and decide if that person has a right. If so, which of the amendments found in the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments) gives them that right?

1) I dyed my hair green because I wanted to make a statement. I didn't think that statement would be, "Search my backpack!" A police officer stopped me and said that he was going to search my backpack because he didn't like my hair color. Do I have a right to privacy in this circumstance?

☐ NO ☐ YES, in Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

2) I was arrested 12 months ago. I've been accused of speeding, but I haven't been given an opportunity to defend myself against the charge. I think they're just going to leave me in this jail forever! Do I have a right to a speedy and fair trial?



☐ NO ☐ YES, in Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

3) I do not like our mayor at all. I think he has made some very bad choices and is not managing our town very well. I'm going to practice my free speech by spray painting a message for the whole town on the mayor's front door. Do I have a right to free speech through vandalism?

☐ NO ☐ YES, in Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

4) I know there is a law against keeping lions as pets in my town, but as long as I keep it on my property I should be allowed to have one! That's what private property is all about, right? Do I have a right to do what I want on my property?

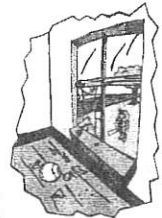


☐ NO ☐ YES, in Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

5) I am Buddhist, which means that I practice the religion of Buddhism. I just moved to a new town that has banned all religion. The sheriff has threatened to arrest me if I don't take an oath against religion. Do I have a right to practice religion?

☐ NO ☐ YES, in Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

6) As punishment for accidentally breaking my neighbor's window, I have to replace all the windows that break in our town for the next year... while wearing a silly hat and embarrassing outfit! Do I have a right to fight my punishment?



☐ NO ☐ YES, in Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

**A World Without?** Imagine what life would be like if our rights weren't protected. In complete sentences, describe what might happen if each of these amendments were missing from the Constitution.

Without this...	...this might happen!
6th	
4th	
8th	
1st	

## Bill of Rights Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hr: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: Read each situation below very carefully. Next name the amendment or Bill of Right that is being exercised in each of the following situations in the space provided:**

1. Arturo was stopped by a police officer on his way home from school. The police officer wanted to search Arturo's backpack because he heard a teenage boy had just robbed the candy store on the corner. Arturo said to the officer, "Do you have a warrant?" The officer said, "no." Tigran informed the officer that he could not search his bag because it violated his rights. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Esperanza arrived home one evening to find a member of the United States navy sitting at the dining room table eating dinner with her parents. Esperanza quickly turned to her parents and said, "Why is there a military person in our home?" Esperanza's parents said, "We were told we had to house this soldier." Esperanza quickly kicked the soldier out and said to him, "Read the Bill of Rights." \_\_\_\_\_
3. Rafi is upset over the current curfew effecting teenagers throughout Glendale. Rafi decided that he was going to collect as many signatures as he could on a petition and present it to the city government's office. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Joseph, a recent immigrant to the United States, was driving around the city of Los Angeles and noticed that there were churches and temples from several different religions located throughout the city. He was amazed at the fact that people in the United States could practice and worship any religion of their choice. \_\_\_\_\_
5. On January 10, 2002, Gerard was arrested for trespassing on his neighbor's property. When he appeared before the judge to set his trial date, the judge told him his trial would take place on January 24, 2006. Juan immediately informed the judge that this date was unacceptable. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Nowhere in the Constitution does it talk about what part of the federal government is in charge of education. Today each individual state controls and sets the standards for their state's educational system. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mary was caught littering in the park one day after school. When she went to trial, the jury found her guilty since there was a ton of evidence showing her guilt. The judge decided to give Mary a special sentence. He wanted Mary to walk from Los Angeles to Washington D.C. Along her journey across the country, Mary had to fill up 1 million bags of trash with litter she found along the roads. Mary quickly informed the judge she did not have to fulfill this sentence. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Stephanie was told that she could not wear her favorite shirt anymore. Instead she had to wear shirts that were only approved by the federal clothing agency. Stephanie knew that this rule could not possibly be true because she learned about the Bill of Rights in school. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Elias wrote a nice lengthy article for the Daily News describing the changes students would like to see at Roosevelt Middle School. The principal tried to stop Elias's article from being published in the local newspaper, but she was unsuccessful. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Nancy visited one of her elderly neighbors and noticed that she had a gun locked away in one of her cabinets. During the visit, Nancy turned to her neighbor and asked, "Why do you have a gun in your house?" Her neighbor simply said, "I am exercising my right to own a gun legally." \_\_\_\_\_