

# The Bill of Rights | Worksheet



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The First Amendment protects the right to say what you want freely, known as Freedom of \_\_\_\_\_, freedom of religion and the press, and the right to assemble and petition the government.

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The Second Amendment guarantees citizens the fundamental right to keep and bear \_\_\_\_\_.

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The Ninth Amendment states that the people may have other rights not listed in the Constitution.

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The Third Amendment prevents the government from forcing the people to house soldiers without their consent.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment protects people from being tried twice for the same crime and incriminating themselves, and ensures a fair legal process for all citizens.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment guarantees all that are accused of a crime have a trial by jury.

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The Sixth Amendment guarantees that someone accused of a crime has the right to a speedy and public \_\_\_\_\_.

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The Eighth Amendment protects against cruel and unusual punishments, including excessive bail.

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The Fourth Amendment prevents the government from searching through and taking your property without a good reason.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment ensures that any power not expressly given to the federal government in the Constitution is reserved to the people and individual States.



# The Bill of Rights | Answer Key

Proposed by James Madison in 1789, the Bill of Rights was originally created because many states felt the U.S. Constitution gave too much power to the **FEDERAL** government. The Founders created the Bill of Rights to protect our freedoms. The Bill of Rights are the first **TEN** Amendments to the Constitution.

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The First Amendment protects the right to say what you want freely, known as Freedom of **SPEECH**, freedom of religion and the press, and the right to assemble and petition the government.

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The Second Amendment guarantees citizens the fundamental right to keep and bear **ARMS**.

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The Ninth Amendment states that the people may have other rights not listed in the Constitution.

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The Third Amendment prevents the government from forcing the people to house soldiers without their consent.

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The **FIFTH** Amendment protects people from being tried twice for the same crime and incriminating themselves, and ensures a fair legal process for all citizens.

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The **SEVENTH** Amendment guarantees all that are accused of a crime have a trial by jury.

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The Sixth Amendment guarantees that someone accused of a crime has the right to a speedy and public **TRIAL**.

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The Eighth Amendment protects against cruel and unusual punishments, including excessive bail.

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The Fourth Amendment prevents the government from searching through and taking your property without a good reason.

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The **TENTH** Amendment ensures that any power not expressly given to the federal government in the Constitution is reserved to the people and individual States.