

Bill of Rights

and other amendments to the Constitution



Standards

1.3.3: Explain how the Constitution protects and preserves liberty and allows for change.

1.4.1: Analyze how amendments, laws, and landmark decisions have helped fulfill the promise of the Constitution.

1.4.2: Analyze the relationship between the Constitution and current beliefs and assumptions.

1.4.3: Develop, evaluate, and defend positions on the effectiveness of the Constitution and Bill of Rights in protecting the rights of all citizens and adhering to constitutional principles.

--- The question to consider –How do amendments to the Constitution get used in every day life?

Create a google docs presentation about an amendment to the Constitution that includes the following:

- A summary of the amendment (in your own words)
- Give a summary of how it is used today.
- A news story about the amendment. How does the story describe the use of the amendment?
- Three Supreme Court cases about the amendment. How do these Supreme Court cases demonstrate the use of the amendment? How do they demonstrate the revision of the amendment over time?
- Pictures that help tell the story about your amendment.
- Embed a video about your amendment (could be something from a news story but keep it short, doesn't have to be long)
- For a 3, your account has been thorough, well-described and uses cited sources
- For a 4, tell how this amendment could be further revised in the future (see rubric)

While there is not a set number of slides you have to have, you should have at a minimum 6 slides to cover the most basic information but may have as many as 20 if you're including high quality descriptions of the amendment, pictures, video, etc.

You will choose or be given an amendment to study from the following list:

- 1st Amendment (freedom of speech)
- 1st Amendment (freedom of religion)
- 1st Amendment (freedom of press)
- 1st Amendment (freedom of assembly)
- 2nd Amendment
- 4th Amendment
- 5th Amendment (double jeopardy)
- 5th Amendment (protection from self-incrimination)
- 5th Amendment (eminent domain)
- 5th Amendment (due process)
- Miranda rights
- 6th Amendment (right to a speedy, public trial)
- 6th Amendment (right to a trial by jury and a fair trial)
- 7th Amendment
- 8th Amendment (excessive bail)
- 8th Amendment (cruel and unusual punishment)
- 9th Amendment
- 10th Amendment

Rubric:

--- Basic (2)

- Summarize the amendment
- Give a basic account or summary the amendment and how it is used today
- Find a news article about the amendment
- Find three Supreme Court cases about the amendment
- Pictures that help demonstrate the amendment
- An embedded video about the amendment

--- Proficient (3)

- All of the above, plus:
- Give a well-explained, thoroughly detailed account with cited sources of how the amendment applies today.

--- Advanced (4)

- All of the above, plus:
- Describe how the amendment may be further revised with a future Supreme Court case; describing what the case might be about, how it might play out in the media and what a Supreme Court judgment might be in the case.
- Your work has been completed to a high level and demonstrates a thorough level of understanding.