**BILL OF RIGHTS**

**AMENDMENT #1**

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

(Congress cannot pass laws that establish a specific religion for Americans, forbid Americans from practicing their own religions, or interfere with Americans’ freedom of speech, press, the right to gather peacefully, or the right to express disagreement with the government.)

**AMENDMENT #2**

*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

(Americans have a right to bear firearms—or guns—legally.)

**AMENDMENT #3**

*No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.*

(The government cannot force Americans to keep soldiers in their homes during times of peace.)

**AMENDMENT #4**

*The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.*

(Americans cannot have their personal property searched without a proper warrant and just cause.)

**AMENDMENT #5**

*No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.*

(Americans cannot be forced to be witnesses against themselves; Americans cannot be tried for the same crime twice; Americans cannot be deprived of life, liberty or property without a proper trial.)

**AMENDMENT #6**

*In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.*

(Americans deserve the right to a fair trial, which includes an impartial jury, an opportunity to question witnesses against them and to find witnesses in favor of them, and access to an attorney.)

**AMENDMENT #7**

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

(Civil, or non-criminal suits, must be tried by jury.)

**AMENDMENT #8**

*Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.*

(When accused of crimes, Americans are protected from excessively high bail amounts or fines and from brutal punishments.)

**AMENDMENT #9**

*The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.*

(Americans are entitled to enjoy additional rights and freedoms not included in the ten amendments.)

**AMENDMENT #10**

*The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.*

(Powers not granted to the Federal government belong to the states and the people.)

**IDENTIFY THE AMEMDMENT**

Scenario #1: The death penalty is only legal in certain states and can only

be used in cases of homicide.

Scenario #2: Before entering a suspect’s home, a police officer shows a search warrant.

Scenario #3: A registered voter receives a summons to report for jury duty.

Scenario #4: In 1965, the Supreme Court found that couples have a right to “marital privacy,” which is not specifically mentioned in the Constitution.

Scenario #5: A group of people assemble on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

Scenario #6: When being interrogated by police, a person refuses to answer certain questions and chooses to remain silent.

Scenario #7: When a passenger sues a city transportation authority because she sustained neck injuries, the case is decided by a jury, not by a judge.

Scenario #8: In Pennsylvania, a person has to be at least 16 years old to apply for a learner’s permit for driving; in Alaska you can apply at age 14.

Scenario #9: A teenager goes duck hunting with her father in October.

Scenario #10: During election season, a local newspaper publishes an editorial endorsing one candidate over another.

Scenario #11: A person accused of murder cannot afford to hire a lawyer and is assigned a public defender.

Scenario #12: In 2000, members of the Ku Klux Klan organized a rally outside of a courthouse in Skokie, Illinois, a historically Jewish town.

Scenario #13: A student chooses to sit silently in his seat during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scenario #14: In 1982, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the State of New York for evicting striking correctional officers and allowing members of the National Guard to live in their housing instead.

Scenario #15: A family displays a Nativity scene on the front lawn during Christmas.

Scenario #16: A police officer administers a Breathalyzer test because she has probable cause that the driver has been drinking