**LAW CLASS**

**The Third Amendment**

The Third Amendment states:

*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.*

Vocabulary

Quartered: given housing

Consent: approval

Prescribed: made

**A Guide to the Third Amendment**

The Third Amendment, or Amendment III of the United States Constitution is the section of the Bill of Rights that prohibits soldiers from temporarily residing in private homes during peace time without getting the permission and consent of the owner. It is only legal to do this when it is wartime it must still follow the law.

**History of the Third Amendment**

During the American Revolutionary War, American colonists were often asked to allow soldiers to temporarily live in their homes. Even before the Revolutionary war, the British government had passed two separate acts called the Quartering Acts. These acts were thought to greatly violate the colonists’ privacy.

Because British soldiers did not have bases across the colonies, the soldiers needed somewhere to stay at night. After the Quartering Acts were passed, a soldier could demand to say in barns, uninhabited houses, or in places like stables, bars, and inns. British soldiers could also take the property of the American colonists during the Revolutionary War. The American colonists were very angry about this, which is why the Third Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights.

Questions to Consider:

1. What British laws prompted this Amendment”?

2. Why was it necessary for the British soldiers to stay in colonial homes?

3 How did colonist feel about these laws?

4. What happened when Broths officers began staying on colonial homes?

5. Under what circumstances can a soldier be allowed stay in your home today?