

WHAT AMENDMENT WAS VIOLATED?

Directions: Using your knowledge of the Bill of Rights, read each scenario below and uncover which amendment has been violated!

1. Jim was driving home one night after his basketball game when an officer pulled him over. The officer looked long and hard inside his car, then asked if Jim would open up his trunk. Jim said, "Do you have a warrant?" and the officer said, "no." Because of this, Jim told that officer that he would feel more comfortable if he did not search his trunk. Which amendment would Jim cite to the officer? _____.
2. It is late in the evening and you hear a knock on your door. It is a general from United States Army who states that he needs a place to stay. Your parents are worried for their safety so they let him in. However, since you studied the Constitution in school you know that this is a violation of the _____ amendment so you kick the soldier out!
3. Angelina is furious over her city's latest attempt to coverup a major waste of taxpayer money. As a result, the city has refused to allow town meetings on the subject. Angelina begins to collect signatures from local citizens who agree with her disgust in her local government. The city's refusal to allow town meetings and Angelina's effort to collect signatures are both protected by the _____ amendment.
4. Joseph was driving around town when he was abruptly stopped by a police officer. The officer informed Joseph that he was being arrested for a burglary that had happened the night before. Joseph claimed to know nothing about the incident, but the police officer arrested him anyway and placed him in jail. Joseph was sentenced by the judge to 3 years in prison, however Joseph never had a trial to prove his innocence. _____.
5. Kevin, the star football player, was walking home late one night after practice when he decided to take a shortcut. He walked through his neighbor's backyard, who called them police on him for trespassing. The judge found him guilty and sentenced him to 3 years in prison. What amendment has been violated? _____.
6. The federal government tells the state of Wyoming that they must adopt new standards into their high school classrooms. Wyoming's Department of Education says, "No, the states are in charge of setting their education standards." Which amendment would Wyoming cite? _____.
7. Lydia made a bad decision one night and decided to rob a bank. In the process, the bank manager had a heart attack, died on the scene, and Lydia was charged with murder. The judge immediately declared Lydia guilty of murder without looking at the evidence or without providing a jury. This is illegal because of the _____ amendment.
8. Susan was walking through a shopping mall when an officer stopped her and demanded to search her purse. Susan refused the search and was immediately arrested. She said that she had a right to "privacy." Which amendment is she referring to? _____.
9. Thomas, the editor of the school newspaper, recently approved an article that detailed the unhealthy nature of the food served by the cafeteria staff. To avoid embarrassment, the principal tried to prevent the news report from published. She was unable to because of the _____ amendment.
10. Jim is visiting the home of one of his co-workers, Randy, and he notices that Randy has a gun safe (a secure place to store firearms). Jim panics and asks his co-worker why he would ever dream of owning a gun. Randy explains that he has a gun for two reasons: he is an avid hunter and he enjoys practicing his Constitutional rights. Which amendment would Randy cite? _____.