

The Bill of Rights — A Kid-Friendly Summary

Name: _____

Date: _____

1st

Freedom of Speech, Religion, Press, Assembly, and Petition

You can say what you think, practice any religion (or none), write freely, gather peacefully, and ask the government to fix problems.

2nd

Right to Bear Arms

People have the right to own firearms. This amendment is debated a lot today.

3rd

No Quartering Soldiers

The government cannot force you to let soldiers live in your home during peacetime.

4th

No Unreasonable Searches

Police need a warrant (permission from a judge) to search your home or belongings.

5th

Rights of the Accused

You cannot be forced to testify against yourself, and you cannot be tried twice for the same crime.

6th

Right to a Fair Trial

If accused of a crime, you get a speedy public trial, a lawyer, and an impartial jury.

7th

Right to a Jury in Civil Cases

In federal civil cases over \$20, you have the right to a jury trial.

8th

No Cruel or Unusual Punishment

Bail and fines must be fair, and punishments cannot be cruel or unusual.

9th

Rights Retained by the People

Just because a right is not listed in the Constitution does not mean you do not have it.

10th

Powers Reserved to the States

Powers not given to the federal government belong to the states or the people.