



MASTERING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Learning Objectives: The students will...

1. Examine rights contained in the United States Bill of Rights.
2. Participate in a group activity involving the rights provided in the Bill of Rights of the U. S. Constitution.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the U.S. Bill of Rights.

TEKS: 8.19B

Materials Needed: Individual Rights Strips, one Bingo Card per student, construction paper, markers.

Teaching Strategy:

1. Begin the lesson by dividing the class into 10 groups and assigning each group one of the Amendments in the Bill of Rights. Explain that they are to prepare a poster of their Amendment that includes the following:
 - a. The number of the Amendment.
 - b. A visual representation that illustrates and summarizes the rights in the Amendment.
2. When these posters are complete, have them present the poster and allow time to discuss each Amendment. These posters should be placed around the room for the next step of the activity.
3. Pass out the Individual Rights Strips to individual students. Instruct students to identify the Amendment that the right they have is located. After each student has decided the Amendment to which their right belongs, have them stand beside the correct Amendment poster. Students at each poster should be sure that all of the strips are correctly placed. Additionally, the teacher can ask the students to place themselves in chronological order for those Amendments that have multiple rights.
4. To complete the study of the Bill of Rights, play “Bill of Rights Bingo” by distributing one of the four different bingo cards to each student. **Explain that the teacher will call out, in random order, Amendments 1 through 10 (warning—write down the Amendments as the numbers are called to be sure that all Amendments are called).** The teacher will probably need to call some Amendments more than once. As an amendment is called students should decide if there is a situation that involves that Amendment and mark their card accordingly. When a student bingos, he/she should be able to read the examples and the corresponding Amendments for the teacher to check.

BILL OF RIGHTS BINGO

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| PROTESTING THE WAR OUTSIDE THE FUNERAL OF A SOLDIER | NOT GIVEN A LIFE SENTENCE AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF JAYWALKING | OWNING A FIREARM | HAVING A SPEEDY AND PUBLIC TRIAL | NOT BEING TRIED FOR THE SAME CRIME TWICE |
| HAVING THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY | PROTESTING AGAINST THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY | WEARING AN ARMBAND TO SCHOOL IN PROTEST OF THE WAR | WRITING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR | BEING PROVIDED AN ATTORNEY FOR A CRIMINAL TRIAL |
| HAVING A JURY IN A CIVIL CASE | READING A NEWSPAPER | FREE | NOT BEING CHARGED TWICE FOR THE SAME CRIMINAL OFFENSE | BEING ASSESSED REASONABLE BAIL |
| SIGNING A PETITION AGAINST THE TAX INCREASE | BEING TAKEN BEFORE A GRAND JURY TO SEE IF THERE IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR A TRIAL | REFUSING TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE NAT'L. GUARD TO STAY IN YOUR HOME | NOT BEING FORCED TO SELL PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE | REFUSING TO ALLOW THE POLICE TO SEARCH YOUR HOME WITHOUT A WARRANT |
| STATES' RIGHT TO MAKE LAWS REGARDING EDUCATION | REFUSING TO GIVE EVIDENCE AGAINST ONESELF | BEING INFORMED OF CRIMINAL CHARGES | HAVING A JURY AT MOST CIVIL TRIALS | BELONGING TO A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION OF ONE'S CHOICE |

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| OWNING A FIREARM | BEING TAKEN BEFORE A GRAND JURY TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR TRIAL | NOT GIVEN A LIFE SENTENCE AFTER BEING CONVICTED JAYWALKING | WEARING AN ARMBAND TO SCHOOL IN PROTEST OF THE WAR | REFUSING TO ALLOW THE POLICE TO SEARCH YOUR HOME WITHOUT A WARRANT |
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MASTERING BILL OF RIGHTS STRIPS



Freedom of Religion



Freedom of Speech



Freedom of the Press



Freedom to Assemble



Right to Petition the Government



Right to Bear Arms



**Soldiers Denied Lodging Without Consent
in Homes of Citizens During Times of Peace**



**Right to Reasonable
Searches & Seizures**



**Right to a Grand Jury Hearing
in Criminal Cases**



**Right Not to be Tried Twice
for the Same Crime**



**Right to Refuse to Testify
Against Oneself**



Right to Due Process of Law



Right to Speedy & Public Trial



Right to an Impartial Jury



Right to Face Accusers in Court



Right to Call Witnesses



Right to an Attorney in Criminal Cases



**Right to a Jury Trial in Civil Cases over
\$20**



Right to Reasonable Bail



Right to Reasonable Fines & Punishment



**People Have Other Rights That Are Not
Listed**



**Powers Not Given to the Federal Government
Reserved for the States (or to the people)**