



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: Govt. 12C

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.

Extension for GT/AP:

Have students create their own Bingo cards with rights from the Bill of Rights rather than using the prepared cards.

BILL OF RIGHTS BINGO

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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PROTESTING AGAINST THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY	HAVING A SPEEDY AND PUBLIC TRIAL	READING A NEWSPAPER	NOT BEING TRIED FOR THE SAME CRIME TWICE	HAVING THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY
NOT BEING FORCED TO SELL PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE	WRITING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR	PROTESTING THE WAR OUTSIDE THE FUNERAL OF A SOLDIER	REFUSING TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE NAT'L. GUARD TO STAY IN YOUR HOME	SIGNING A PETITION AGAINST THE TAX INCREASE
NOT BEING CHARGED TWICE FOR THE SAME CRIMINAL OFFENSE	BEING PROVIDED AN ATTORNEY FOR A CRIMINAL TRIAL	FREE	HAVING A JURY IN A CIVIL CASE	BEING ASSESSED REASONABLE BAIL
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)**