

The Amendments

- The Preamble
 - ◆ Explaining the purpose of the Constitution
- The Articles
 - ◆ I: Legislative Branch
 - ◆ II: Executive Branch
 - ◆ III: Judicial Branch
 - ◆ IV: Relations Among States
 - ◆ V: The Amendment Process
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- The Amendments
 - ◆ First 10 are the Bill of Rights
 - ◆ 27 in total



Amending the Constitution

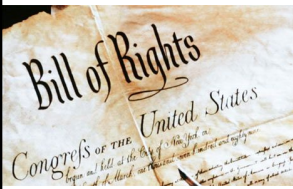
- ★ Amend: to change
- ★ Founders made it difficult but not impossible to change the Constitution
- ★ Most common way to change the Constitution is:
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of the House and Senate approve AND
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ of State Legislatures approve

Why Have Amendments?

- ★ The Constitution is the last word on what the government can and cannot do
- ★ If the Supreme Court declares a law unconstitutional, the only thing the Legislative branch can do is change the Constitution to make the action allowable

Amendments Basics

- ★ 27 Amendments total
- ★ First 10 are the 'Bill of Rights'



Bill of Rights

- ★ A list of limits on government power
- ★ Founders saw the right of individuals to speak, worship freely, carry guns etc. as a natural right that cannot be taken away

Amendments Added Later

- ★ The 11th- the 27th Amendments were added at a later date
- ★ 13th- ended slavery
- ★ 14th- equal protection under the law
- ★ 15th- black men got the right to vote
- ★ 18th- banned the making and selling of alcohol
- ★ 19th- Ladies get to vote too!
- ★ 21st- Repealed #18

Recent Amendments Proposed but not passed

- ★ Ban death penalty
- ★ Ban abortion
- ★ Ban gay marriage
- ★ Ban flag burning
- ★ Get rid of Presidential term limits

Analyzing the First Ten

The First Amendment

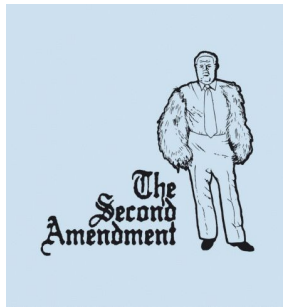
- ★ Protects your freedom to 5 MAJOR things:
 - Freedom of religion
 - Freedom of speech
 - Freedom of the press
 - The right to peacefully assemble
 - The right to petition the government

Celebrating the First Amendment...



The Second Amendment

- ★ Protects your right to bear arms



The Third Amendment

- ★ Prohibits the government use of private homes as quarters for soldiers



The Fourth Amendment

- ★ Prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures without a warrant or probable cause



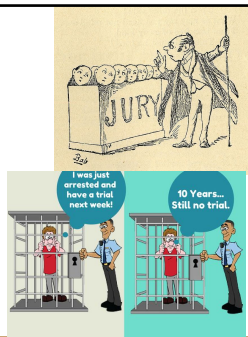
The Fifth Amendment

- ★ Guarantees due process
- ★ Prohibits Double Jeopardy
- ★ Prohibits self-incrimination
- ★ Prohibits eminent domain without just compensation



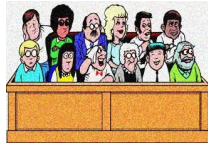
The Sixth Amendment

- ★ Guarantees the right to:
 - A Speedy Trial
 - A Public Trial
 - A Trial by Jury
 - Right to Counsel
 - Right to Know What You're Being Accused of



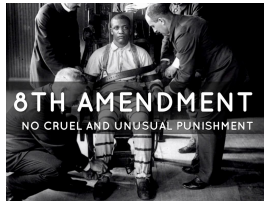
The Seventh Amendment

- ★ Guarantees a trial by jury in civil cases as well



The Eighth Amendment

- ★ Protects you against cruel and unusual punishment
- ★ Protects you against excessive bail



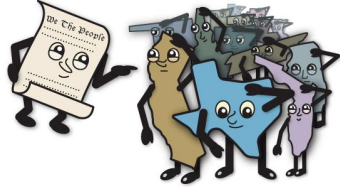
The Ninth Amendment

- ★ Protects your rights not specifically listed in the Constitution
 - It's impossible to name them all



The Tenth Amendment

- ★ All powers not listed specifically in the Constitution for the federal government to have are to be given to the states
 - Declare War
 - Regulate federal taxes
- ★ Supposed to balance the powers between the federal government and state government



Limits to the First 10

Limits on the First

Speech	Religion	Press	Assemble	Petition

Limits on the Second

- ★ Belongs only to individuals or militias?
- ★ Certain types of guns are banned

Limits on the Third

- ★ Was a big deal during the drafting of the Constitution-- not really something we deal with today
- ★ Protect homes from the intrusion of the government

Limits of the Fourth

- ★ Evidence found during illegal searches or seizures cannot be used in court as evidence
- ★ Students at school?
