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Evaluate rights contained in the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the Constitution.

Amendment 1 - Five Civil Liberties

- Freedom of Religion
- Freedom of Speech
- Freedom of the Press
- Peaceably Assemble
- Petition the Government

Amendment 2 - Right to Keep & Bear Arms

Amendment 3 - No quartering of soldiers in peacetime without consent

Amendment 4 - No Unreasonable Searches & Seizures

Amendment 5 - Due Process

- No Double Jeopardy
- Right to Remain Silent (against self-incrimination)
- Grand Jury Indictment required for serious crimes
- Eminent Domain limited (must pay fair price if government takes your property)

Amendment 6 - Rights of the Accused

- Informed of the Charges
- speedy trial
- public trial (no secret trials!)
- impartial jury
- right to a lawyer
- call witnesses in your favor & question the witnesses against you

Amendment 7 - Right to a Jury in Civil (non-criminal) cases

- if the lawsuit is for more than \$20

Amendment 8 - No Cruel & Unusual Punishment

- Bail & fines may not be excessive

Amendment 9 - Rights for the People

- default position = more rights, not less

Amendment 10 - States Rights

- Powers not given to Congress are "Reserved" for the states

Civil War Amendments: 13-14-15

- 13- Abolished Slavery

- 14- Strengthened the 5th Amendment (said states must follow it)

 - Also made everyone born in USA a citizen (including former slaves)

 - Many other provisions: this is a lengthy Amendment

- 15- Suffrage for the former slaves

Other Voting Amendments

- 19 - Womens Suffrage (1919)

- 23 - Presidential vote for Washington, DC (1961)

- 24 - Abolished Poll Taxes (1964)

- 26 - 18 year olds can vote (1971)