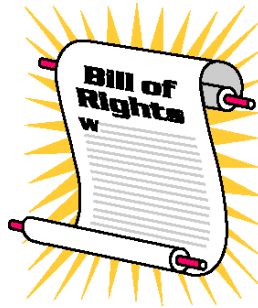


The Bill of Rights- Poster Project

Due @ the end of class Tuesday, Feb. 4



The United States Constitution has endured for over two hundred years as the supreme law of our land. It is a living document that is central to American life. The language of the Constitution is not overly restrictive, thus its words have transcended time. The Bill of Rights ensured the passage of the Constitution. Ratified in 1791, the Bill of Rights contains ten amendments that work to protect Americans' personal liberties that many feared would be weakened under the new Constitution. Today, these amendments continue to protect Americans' personal liberties. They are a part of the living Constitution that is constantly interpreted in an effort to maintain framers' principles in an ever-changing society.

The Bill of Rights:

- 1st Amendment- Freedom of Expression
- 2nd Amendment- Right to Bear Arms
- 3rd Amendment- Quartering of Troops
- 4th Amendment- Unreasonable Search and Seizures
- 5th Amendment- Due Process of Law
- 6th Amendment- Right to a Fair Trial
- 7th Amendment- Trial by Jury
- 8th Amendment- Cruel and Unusual Punishment
- 9th Amendment- Unenumerated Rights
- 10th Amendment- States' Rights

Your Task: You will create a poster describing one of the first ten amendments to the Constitution to inform your classmates about its meaning and importance early America and today.

Your Poster Must Include the Following Information:

- ❖ The name of the amendment in big, bold letters
- ❖ The text of the amendment
- ❖ A description of the history and meaning of the amendment
- ❖ A description of one Supreme Court case involving the amendment
- ❖ An original picture (drawing, photograph, collage) showing the amendment in action

Bill of Rights Poster Project Rubric

Amendment Basics (2 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of amendment is at the top of the poster in big, bold words• Text of the amendment is included in the poster
Description of the Amendment (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explains the historical background of the amendment and why its provisions were included in the constitution• Analyzes the meaning of the amendment and the phrases and words within it• Makes the amendment easy to understand
Supreme Court Case (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes a Supreme Court case that challenged the meaning of the amendment or its application in modern society• Includes name and year of the case• Briefly explains the background of the case• Briefly explains the Court's decision and its rationale
Original Picture (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture is original (created by you)• Illustrates the amendment in action or important ideas and concepts to the amendment• Picture is easy to interpret
Neatness and Mechanics (3 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing is neat and easy to read• Poster is well-organized• Poster is aesthetically pleasing• Includes proper mechanics, grammar, and spelling

Total: _____/20