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Directions:

- 1) Label each of the first 10 Constitutional Amendments (referred to as the Bill of Rights)
- 2) Re-write in your own words in the right-hand column (bullet points OK, but must be thorough)

<u>Amendment</u>	<u>In Own Words</u>
<p>*Freedoms of Speech, Press, and Assembly</p> <p>Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.</p>	<p>Congress can't make any laws that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Endorse any one religion ● Stop anyone from practicing their religion ● Outlaw speech or punish for it ● Control the media (newspapers, etc.) ● Keep people from assembling peacefully ● Prevent people from suing the government
<p>*Right to Bear Arms</p> <p>A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since a well-controlled group of citizen-soldiers* is needed to protect a free State, the government can't violate citizens' rights to own and use weapons <p>* Written before a national military</p>
<p>Housing of Soldiers</p> <p>No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in a manner to be prescribed by law.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Citizens can't be forced to house soldiers during peacetime ● Must have a specific law to do it during wartime
<p>* Protection from Unreasonable Searches and Seizures</p> <p>The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Government can't search you or take property without a warrant issued by a court OR probable cause* ● The warrant and search must have specific reasons and targets

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<p>against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.</p>	<p>* Probable Cause - Logical reason to suspect a crime has occurred or is occurring</p>
<p>*Protection of Rights to Life, Liberty, and Property</p> <p>No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nobody can be punished for a major crime without a trial and charges from a grand jury<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Unless it involves the military● Can't be tried 2x for the same crime (no Double Jeopardy)● Don't have to testify (be a witness) in a criminal case against yourself or a direct family member● Gov. can't take property without giving you a fair compensation/trade● Gov't can't keep you without charging you
<p>*Rights of Accused Persons in Criminal Cases</p> <p>In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● If you are being tried, you get:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A speedy and public trial○ To be tried by a jury of people from your area○ To be told what you're being charged with and what evidence they have against you○ To see the witnesses against you○ To call your own witnesses○ To have a pro defense lawyer

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<p style="text-align: center;">Rights in Civil Cases</p> <p>In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States than according to the rules of the common law.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If suing another person or entity for more than \$20, you get a jury
<p style="text-align: center;">*Excessive Bail, Fines, and Punishments Forbidden</p> <p>Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bail (cost to get out of jail) or fines can't be ridiculous• No cruel or unusual punishments
<p style="text-align: center;">Other Rights Kept by the People</p> <p>The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These rights can't be used to take away the rights of others
<p style="text-align: center;">Undelegated Powers Kept by the States and the People</p> <p>The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Powers not specifically given to the Federal Government are left to the states and/or the people

When finished, choose _____ amendments and write a paragraph for each that explains why we should or shouldn't amend (change or get rid of) it.