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Answer Key: Wrangle the Rules: A 6th Grade Bill of Rights Quiz

Solidify foundational knowledge of the first ten amendments and how they protect everyday civil liberties in American society.

1. If a group of students wants to gather peacefully in a public park to protest a new school lunch policy, which amendment protects their right to do this?

Answer: B) The First Amendment

The First Amendment protects the 'right of the people peaceably to assemble' and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

2. The Sixth Amendment ensures that if a person is accused of a crime, they have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury.

Answer: A) True

The Sixth Amendment focuses on the rights of the accused in criminal sugar prosecutions, including the right to a jury and a lawyer.

3. The ____ Amendment protects people from having to house soldiers in their homes during times of peace without the owner's consent.

Answer: C) Third

The Third Amendment was written in response to British laws that forced colonists to provide room and board for soldiers.

4. Which amendment states that any powers not given to the federal government by the Constitution belong to the states or the people?

Answer: A) The Tenth Amendment

The Tenth Amendment reinforces federalism by reserving all non-delegated powers to the states or individuals.

5. The ____ Amendment says that people have other rights that are not specifically listed in the Constitution.

Answer: B) Ninth

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The Ninth Amendment was included to ensure that the listing of certain rights didn't mean that others were denied to the people.

6. According to the Seventh Amendment, citizens have a right to a jury trial in civil cases (disputes between people or businesses) involving more than \$20.

Answer: A) True

The Seventh Amendment guarantees the right to a jury trial for federal civil cases, distinguishing them from criminal trials.

7. Under the Fifth Amendment, a person cannot be forced to testify against themselves in court. This is often referred to as:

Answer: D) Pleading the fifth

The Fifth Amendment protects against self-incrimination, which means you don't have to give evidence that would make you look guilty.

8. To search a person's house for evidence, the police usually need a ____, as required by the Fourth Amendment.

Answer: B) Warrant

The Fourth Amendment requires a warrant based on 'probable cause' to prevent unreasonable searches of private property.

9. The Second Amendment is the part of the Bill of Rights that discusses the right to keep and bear arms.

Answer: A) True

The Second Amendment mentions the necessity of a well-regulated militia and the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

10. A judge sets a bail amount of \$1 million for someone accused of a minor shoplifting offense. Which amendment prohibits this kind of 'excessive bail'?

Answer: C) Eighth Amendment

The Eighth Amendment prevents the government from imposing excessive bail, excessive fines, or cruel and unusual punishments.