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Could the Founders Balance Power? 8th Grade Bill of Rights Challenge

Synthesize the tension between federal authority and civil liberties as you analyze the precedents set by the 9th and 10th Amendments.

1. The 'Elastic Clause' (Necessary and Proper Clause) in Article I often conflicts with which amendment that reserves powers to the states or the people?

- A. The Second Amendment
- B. The Sixth Amendment
- C. The Tenth Amendment
- D. The Third Amendment

2. In the context of the Fifth Amendment, the government's power to take private property for public use is known as _____, provided they offer 'just compensation.'

- A. Double Jeopardy
- B. Eminent Domain
- C. Probable Cause
- D. Ex Post Facto

3. The Ninth Amendment explicitly lists every individual right that a citizen possesses under the United States government.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which legal principle, derived from the Sixth Amendment, ensures that a defendant cannot be held in jail indefinitely without being told of the charges against them?

- A. The right to a speedy and public trial
- B. The prohibition of self-incrimination
- C. Protection against double jeopardy
- D. The right to bear arms

5. The Seventh Amendment is unique because it specifically protects the right to a jury trial in _____ cases involving significant monetary value, rather than crimes.

- A. Criminal
- B. Military
- C. Civil
- D. Maritime

6. According to the Third Amendment, the government is strictly forbidden from quartering soldiers in private homes during times of war under any circumstances.

- A. True

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B. False

7. If a judge sets a \$1 billion bail for a minor shoplifting charge, which amendment would a defense attorney argue is being violated?

- A. The Second Amendment
- B. The Fourth Amendment
- C. The Eighth Amendment
- D. The Tenth Amendment

8. The presence of 'Probable Cause' is a constitutional requirement for a judge to issue a _____ under the Fourth Amendment.

- A. Veto
- B. Warrant
- C. Subpoena
- D. Statute

9. The First Amendment's 'Establishment Clause' was designed to prevent the federal government from creating an official national religion.

- A. True
- B. False

10. How does the Bill of Rights serve as a 'scaffold' for the principle of Limited Government?

- A. It lists the specific powers the President has over the states.
- B. It outlines the process for electing members of the Supreme Court.
- C. It defines the boundaries of government interference in personal lives.
- D. It explains how laws are passed through the legislative branch.