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## Old Parchment, New Problems: A 5th Grade Bill of Rights Challenge

Evaluate how the First Amendment and legal protections for the accused function in our modern town halls and courtrooms.

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**1. The 10th Amendment acts like a 'safety net' for power. If the Constitution doesn't specifically say the National Government can do something, who gets that power?**

- A. The Supreme Court exclusively
- B. The British Parliament
- C. The states or the people
- D. Only the President

**2. If a person is on trial and refuses to answer a question that might make them look guilty, they are using their right against self-incrimination found in the \_\_\_ Amendment.**

- A. Third
- B. Fifth
- C. Seventh
- D. Ninth

**3. True or False: The Ninth Amendment suggests that citizens have additional rights even if they aren't specifically listed in the Constitution.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. A group of citizens is unhappy with a new local law. They gather peacefully in a park to sign a letter asking the government to change it. Which two First Amendment freedoms are they using?**

- A. Religion and Press
- B. Assembly and Petition
- C. Speech and Bearing Arms
- D. Privacy and Voting

**5. True or False: Under the Sixth Amendment, if a person is accused of a crime but cannot afford a lawyer, the government must provide one for them.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. The \_\_\_ Amendment prevents the government from forcing citizens to house soldiers in their private homes during times of peace.**

- A. Second
- B. Third
- C. Sixth

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D. Tenth

**7. Imagine a judge decides a person should be kept in jail for 50 years for a small littering fine. This would likely be a violation of which amendment?**

- A. First Amendment
- B. Fourth Amendment
- C. Eighth Amendment
- D. Second Amendment

**8. While the Sixth Amendment deals with criminal cases (like theft), the \_\_\_ Amendment protects the right to a jury trial in civil cases (like property disputes).**

- A. Fifth
- B. Seventh
- C. Ninth
- D. First

**9. In the preamble, the phrase 'Ensure domestic tranquility' most likely means that the government's job is to:**

- A. Declare war on other countries
- B. Keep peace and order within the United States
- C. Make sure everyone has a job
- D. Print money for all citizens

**10. True or False: If a police office searches a backpack without a warrant or a very good legal reason, they are violating the Fourth Amendment.**

- A. True
- B. False