Sure you understand that the Bill of Rights is important, but how much do you really know about it?

1. Name three of the five rights in the First Amendment.

2. The Second Amendment gives people the right to bear arms. What else does it guarantee?

3. What kind of person does the Third amendment say can't be quartered in any house?

4. The Fourth Amendment says there can be no unreasonable searches and seizures except under what conditions?

5. The Fifth Amendment says that a person who is accused of a crime must first be what?

6. True or false: The Sixth Amendment gives people the right to legal representation even if they cannot afford it.

7. How much "value in controversy" does there have to be in order to have the right to jury trial, according to the Seventh Amendment?

8. What types of punishments does the Eighth Amendment forbid?

9. True or false: Based on the Ninth Amendment, Americans are protected only by the rights listed in the Constitution.

10. According to the 10th Amendment, who is given the powers that aren't specified in the Constitution?

Activity: Identify photos and/or stories in your newspaper that show the Bill of Rights in action. 

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2. The right to a well-regulated militia.

3. A soldier.

4. Only with probably cause and a warrant supported by oath, with a description of the place to be searched and the things to be seized.

5. Indicted by a grand jury.

6. True. It also gives people the right to a speedy trial in the state where the crime was committed.

7. Any dispute over $20 can be heard by a jury.

8. Cruel and unusual punishments. Excessive bail is also forbidden.

9. False. The Bill of Rights makes clear that people have additional rights.

10. The state or the people are given the powers.