

DO NOW! The situations below deal with violations of the Bill of Rights. For each scenario, tell what the violation is (in a complete sentence) AND also list the amendment that provides protection in that scenario.

Scenario One: During a time of peace, a few soldiers from the army come into your home and announce they are going to stay in your home for a week and you must give them a bed and feed them.

Scenario Two: You have been accused of robbing a bank. You go through a trial and are found not guilty. Five years later, with new technology, there is new evidence against you. You are notified that next week a new trial will be held against you for the bank robbery.

Scenario Three: You are very involved in your religion. Every Thursday, you attend services in a building that was built from donations and is on your own private property. The city decides to enact a law that forbids you and your members from worshipping at your building or anywhere.

Scenario Four: You are convicted of a minor traffic violation, but instead of paying a small fine, they revoke your license for life. There is no way for you to ever get it back.

Scenario Five: You are accused of a crime, but no one will tell you what it is. You are immediately arrested, convicted, and put in jail for four years. You are never told what your crime was or who accused you.

Scenario Six: You are at home watching TV when someone knocks on your door. Before you answer, the police burst into your home and begin to look through your things. When you ask what they are doing, they tell you that someone has accused you of doing something illegal and they are looking for evidence. When they are done, they take boxes of your things away.

Scenario Seven: I was arrested for writing my name in large letters across the front of a church building. I was put on trial without a jury because the lawyers for the government believed that although a crime had been committed, it was not serious. At my trial, the judge found me guilty and sentenced me to 3 months of community service.

Name _____



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The situations below deal with violations of the Bill of Rights. For each situation, tell what the violation is, and which amendment provides protection.

1. Calvin is accused of writing several bad checks. When he appears before the judge, Calvin asks for help preparing his defense because he is too poor to afford a lawyer. The judge tells Calvin that he is sorry he is poor, but Calvin will just have to prepare his own case, without any help.

2. Marvin's boss dislikes the ideas of the Church of Every Day Salvation. Marvin tells a coworker that he belongs to the church, and soon after, Marvin's boss fires him because he belongs to the church.

3. A customer says that Betty cheated her out of \$2,000 at Betty's store. The customer then sues Betty. Because Betty believes the evidence will prove her innocent, she asks the judge for a jury trial. The judge says it would be a waste of time, and that he will settle the matter himself.

4. Juanita lives near a factory that puts foul-smelling smoke in the air. Juanita and her neighbors call a meeting at Juanita's house to discuss what they can do about the smoke. However, the police block the entrance to the home and tell people that they have no right to hold a meeting.

5. Bob writes a letter to the editor complaining about the way the government is treating convicts in federal prisons. Because of this letter, Bob is arrested and placed in jail himself.

PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS

The Bill of Rights states basic rights that are protected under our form of government. Read each account below. Identify the right that was violated and the amendment that protects that right.

1. A newspaper plans to publish an article about corruption in state government. The governor orders the editor to send him a copy of the article for approval before it can be printed.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

2. The police are driving past your house and become suspicious when you close the curtains. They enter and search your house.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

3. Rachel has been arrested for selling drugs. During her trial, the police testify that someone saw her commit the crime. Rachel is not given a chance to see and question the witness.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

4. You are applying for a job with the state government. The application form states that the job is open only to Christians.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

5. Joseph has been arrested for shoplifting a \$25 sweatshirt. The judge sets his bail at \$50,000.

what right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

6. Your grandparents have to move because the city needs their property to build an airport. In return, the city has agreed only to pay your grandparents' moving expenses.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

7. In June, a jury found Michael not guilty of stealing a 1978 Ford Mustang. Six months later, Michael is placed on trial again for the same crime.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

8. Edith is arrested for robbing a bank. She cannot afford a lawyer. She is put on trial, but the court refuses to provide her with a lawyer.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

9. Five people stand quietly in the library, holding signs protesting the fact that the library has hired no male librarians. They do not get in anyone's way. The police arrest them.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____

10. Police threaten Tom, pressuring him into confessing that he committed a crime.

What right was violated? _____

Amendment: _____