

I Have Rights?!

Name: _____

Can They Do That? Read each person's story and decide if that person has a right. If so, which of the amendments found in the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments) gives them that right?

1) I dyed my hair green because I wanted to make a statement. I didn't think that statement would be, "Search my backpack!" A police officer stopped me and said that he was going to search my backpack because he didn't like my hair color. Do I have a right to privacy in this circumstance?

NO YES, in Amendment # _____

4) I know there is a law against keeping lions as pets in my town, but as long as I keep it on my property I should be allowed to have one! That's what private property is all about, right? Do I have a right to do what I want on my property?

NO YES, in Amendment # _____



2) I was arrested 12 months ago. I've been accused of speeding, but I haven't been given an opportunity to defend myself against the charge. I think they're just going to leave me in this jail forever! Do I have a right to a speedy and fair trial?

NO YES, in Amendment # _____



5) I am Buddhist, which means that I practice the religion of Buddhism. I just moved to a new town that has banned all religion. The sheriff has threatened to arrest me if I don't take an oath against religion. Do I have a right to practice religion?

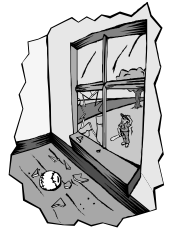
NO YES, in Amendment # _____

3) I do not like our mayor at all. I think he has made some very bad choices and is not managing our town very well. I'm going to practice my free speech by spray painting a message for the whole town on the mayor's front door. Do I have a right to free speech through vandalism?

NO YES, in Amendment # _____

6) As punishment for accidentally breaking my neighbor's window, I have to replace all the windows that break in our town for the next year... while wearing a silly hat and embarrassing outfit! Do I have a right to fight my punishment?

NO YES, in Amendment # _____



A World Without? Imagine what life would be like if our rights weren't protected. In complete sentences, describe what might happen if each of these amendments were missing from the Constitution.

| Without this... | ...this might happen! |
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| 6th | |
| 4th | |
| 8th | |
| 1st | |