

## Bill of Rights in Action

*Objective: Students will gain a deeper understanding of their constitutional rights by reading and learning about how they are used in society today.*

### Task:

→ Click on or copy and paste each link below.

→ Read the articles about the Bill of Rights in use today.

→ On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions/prompts that are listed for each amendment. Answer in complete sentences please.

→ Be prepared to discuss in class when we meet again.

**1 st Amendment**— <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Attorney-School-Violated-Girls-Rights-Over-NRA-Shirt.html>

1. Describe the constitutional issue in this brief article?
2. Do you agree with the school's initial decision? Why?

**2 nd Amendment**—

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/california-gun-waiting-period-laws-ruled-unconstitutional-272619811.html>

3. What is the constitutional issue described in the article?
4. What did the California Supreme Court decide?
5. Do you agree with the decision? Why?

**4 th Amendment**—

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2015/03/supreme-court-if-youre-being-gps-tracked-youre-being-searched/389114/>

6. What is the constitutional issue at play here?
7. Do you believe GPS trackers are a form of search and seizure? Why?

**5 th Amendment**— [http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local\\_news/former-patriots-player-aaron-hernandez-invokesfifth-amendment-in-florida/article\\_32a0ff7a-590b-11e3-8f72-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local_news/former-patriots-player-aaron-hernandez-invokesfifth-amendment-in-florida/article_32a0ff7a-590b-11e3-8f72-0019bb2963f4.html)

8. What is the constitutional issue at play here?

9. Why do you think Hernandez asserted his rights?

**8 th Amendment—**

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/cruel-and-unusual-punishment>

10. What is the constitutional issue at play here?

11. Do you believe the family has a legitimate constitutional claim? Why?

**10th Amendment—**

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/03/24/restore-americas-10th-amendment-online-gambling-intrudes-on-state-sovereignty/>

12. What is the constitutional issue at play in this article?

13. Who should regulate the issue in the article? Why?