

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:

1. Click on or copy and paste each link below.
2. Read the articles about the Bill of Rights in use today.
3. On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions/prompts that are listed for each amendment. Answer it complete sentences please.
4. Be prepared to discuss in class when we meet again.

1st Amendment—

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

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

2nd Amendment—

<http://www.calgunsfoundation.org/2014/08/california-gun-waiting-period-laws-ruled-unconstitutional/>

- a. What is the constitutional issue described in the article?
- b. What did the California Supreme Court decide?
- c. Do you agree with the decision? Why?

4th Amendment—

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-watch/wp/2014/03/31/the-drug-war-exception-to-the-fourth-amendment/>

- a. Why did Roseen file a lawsuit against the state of Colorado?
- b. What is the constitutional issue at play here?
- c. Do you believe Roseen has a good case? Why?

5th Amendment—

http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local_news/former-patriots-player-aaron-hernandez-invokes-fifth-amendment-in-florida/article_32a0ff7a-590b-11e3-8f72-0019bb2963f4.html

- a. What is the constitutional issue at play here?
- b. Why do you think Hernandez asserted his rights?

8th Amendment—

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2013/1021/Death-penalty-Supreme-Court-to-hear-case-of-mentally-deficient-Florida-man>

- a. What is the constitutional issue at play here?
- b. Do you believe Hall has a legitimate claim? Why?

10th Amendment—

<http://dailycaller.com/2014/06/19/rand-paul-and-cory-booker-team-up-to-protect-state-medical-marijuana-programs/>

- a. What is the constitutional issue at play in this article?
- b. Do you agree with the politicians' argument(s)? Why?