

Amendment Review

**Bill of Rights through
the 27th Amendment**

What is the Bill of Rights?

First ten amendments to the Constitution which guarantee personal freedoms.

Why were the Bill of Rights originally added to the Constitution?

**To ease the Anti-federalists
concerns about the power of
the Federal government by
guaranteeing personal
freedoms.**

What are some specific freedoms protected in the Bill of Rights?

First Amendment...

**speech, press, religion,
petition & assembly**

What are some other freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights?

Due Process (equal treatment under the law)

Right to bear arms

fair trial

unwarranted search and seizure

double jeopardy

protection from cruel and unusual

punishment

Bill of Rights

List some historical conditions that led to the Bill of Rights being added to the Constitution

1. To help secure support for the Constitution

**The Anti-Federalists
were concerned about
the government denying
people their rights**

**2. To make sure the
problems created by
Great Britain were not
repeated by the new
government....
(examples)**

First amendment

Religion - Puritans, Quakers and

others came here because they

desired a place to worship without

the influence of the government.

1st amendment to make sure they

would continue to have that

freedom

First amendment

**speech, press, assembly and
petition were important**

because of the abuses the

British colonial government

displayed before the American

Revolution

2nd Amendment

Right to Bear Arms

**What were the historical
circumstances that led to this?**

**Declaration of
Independence stated people
had the right to rebel
against a cruel
government, but they also
need the means (weapons)
to be able to rebel.**

3rd Amendment

No quartering of troops

**This is what Great
Britain did to the
colonists**

4th Amendment

Protects against
unwarranted search and
seizure

Also an abuse by the
British during the colonial
era

5th Amendment

Due process, double
jeopardy...when
arrested

**What were some historical
reasons for putting this in?**

**During the colonial era
Americans were often
arrested and not given
proper treatment by the
British. Wanted to make
sure the new government
could not do this.**

**What are some
amendments that
influenced Civil
Rights
since 1790?**

Voting rights amendments and...

**13th Amendment -
ended slavery**

**14th - equal rights for
blacks under the
Constitution**

**What historic conditions
led to the passage of the
13th Amendment?**

**Civil War ended and South
defeated and Lincoln's
Emancipation Proclamation**

What historic conditions led to the passage of the 14th Amendment?

Civil War ended and Republicans in in Congress wanted to give blacks more rights and a precious Supreme Court case needed to be “undone...”

**The Dred Scot case
stated that blacks were
property and without
rights under the
Constitution.**

What amendments affected the Presidency?

(Be aware of these, but not used

**12th - separate ballots for President and
V.P.**

**20th - exact times of entering and exiting
office.)**

Others...

22nd Presidential terms

**President can only serve
two terms**

**What historic events led to the
passage of the 22nd
Amendment?**

Franklin Roosevelt

elected 4 times

(served from 1932-1944 when he died)

Why did F.D.R. serve so many terms?

**Because he was president
during two major crisis in our
history. They were**

**Great Depression and
World War II**

25th Succession of the President

**allows the Vice President
the ability to take office
if the President is
disabled**

**What historic events led to the
passage of the 25th
Amendment?**

**President Kennedy's
assassination.**

**What if he had lived as a
vegetable ? ? ?**

**What amendments
deal with taxation?**

16th Amendment

Income tax

24th Amendment

Poll Tax eliminated

**What
amendments have
influenced our
representative
government?**

**Those that increased
those who could vote**

15th - black men

19th - women

26th - 18 to 21 year olds

Historical Circumstances leading to the 19th Amendment

**Previously the women's suffrage
movement led by Elizabeth
Stanton & Susan B. Anthony had
working to gain the right to vote
for women. But it was not until
the Progressive Era that
they won the voting amendment.**

**What other amendment
during the Progressive Era
made America more
democratic?**

**17th Amendment -
direct election of U.S.
Senators**

**What
amendments were
designed to limit
the abuses of
government.**

**1st amendment - speech press
religion petition and assembly**

2nd Amendment - right to bear arms

3rd - government can not quarter

**4th- troops in citizens' homes
protects against unwarranted
search and seizure**

5th - rights when arrested

6th - fair trial

**Historical
influences on why
amendments were
written**

1st Amendment