

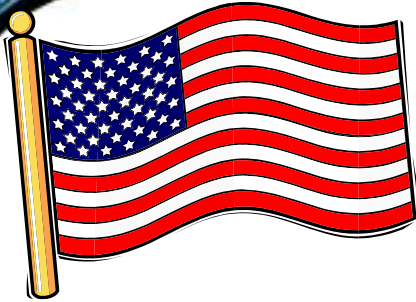
The Bill of Rights



Starring: James Madison



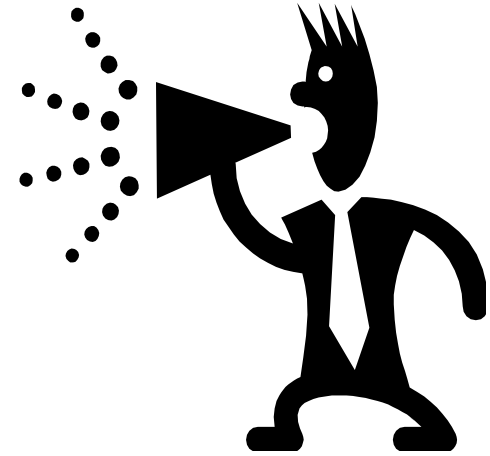
**Good afternoon ladies
and gents. My name is
James Madison and we
are going to learn about
the Bill of Rights!**



Facts About The Bill of Rights...

- ❖ **An amendment is a change or addition to the Constitution**
- ❖ **The first 10 amendments to the US Constitution in 1791 are known as the Bill of Rights**
- ❖ **The Bill of Rights explains the basic rights and liberties, or freedoms, of American citizens**
- ❖ **Introduced by James Madison and George Mason who wanted to make sure the government didn't get too much power and the people were protected**

1st Amendment



- ❖ Freedom of religion
- ❖ Freedom of speech
- ❖ Freedom of the press (news)
- ❖ Freedom to peacefully assemble (meet together in groups)
- ❖ Freedom to petition the government when the people disagree with what the government has said or done (make a complaint or request)

2nd Amendment

❖ Right of the people to keep and bear arms



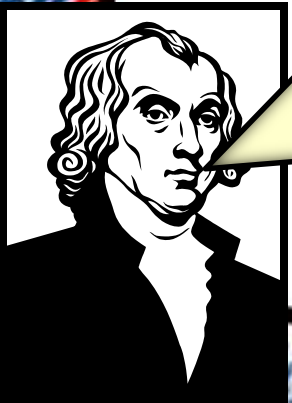
- *To keep means 'to own'
- *To bear means 'to carry'
- *Arms are weapons such as guns



3rd Amendment

- ❖ Citizens can't be forced to quarter, or provide housing, for soldiers

During the American Revolutionary War, colonists had to house and provide food for British soldiers.



4th Amendment

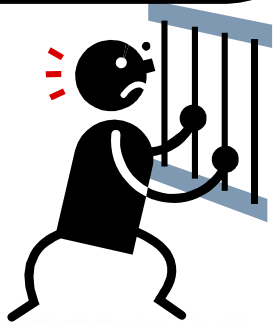
- ❖ The government must have a reason to search or seize (take) a citizen's property



5th Amendment

*Double-jeopardy refers to being tried for the same crime twice

* "Pleading the 5th" means that you choose to be silent when questioned



❖ Government can't take away a person's life, liberty, or pursuit of happiness without a fair trial

Citizens--

❖ Can't be held for a crime without evidence

❖ Can't be tried for the same crime twice

❖ Have the right to remain silent

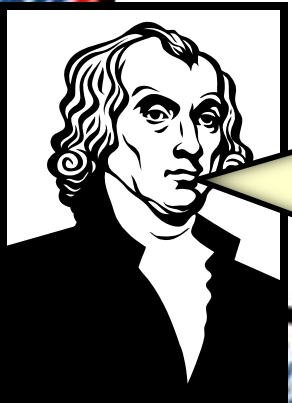
6th Amendment

In **CRIMINAL** cases dealing with crime—

- ❖ Right to a speedy, public trial by a jury
- ❖ Right to know what you have been accused of and who accused you
- ❖ Right to have a lawyer



If a person can't afford to pay a lawyer, one will be provided.



7th Amendment

In CIVIL cases about money or property—

- ❖ Right to a trial by a jury in a city, state, or national (US) court




A jury is a group of people who listen to evidence during a trial then vote together on guilt or innocence.



8th Amendment

- ❖ No cruel or unusual punishment
- ❖ No excessive (more than necessary) bail or fines



In the United States,
citizens can not be
punished in a cruel way.



9th Amendment

- ❖ The people have other rights too, even if they aren't listed in the Bill of Rights



10th Amendment

- ❖ Powers that aren't given to the federal (national) government are left to the states and the people

This amendment says that if a power isn't SPECIFICALLY given to the US government, then it belongs to the states and the people.





SOURCES

- ❖ Additional information about the Bill of Rights for students can be found at <http://kids.laws.com/>
- ❖ A copy of the Bill of Rights in full text can be found at http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill_of_rights_transcript.html

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