

# 11-United States Bill of Rights

**1st Amendment**-Protects our most basic freedoms

Speech-  
Press-  
Religion-  
Assembly-  
Petition-

**2nd Amendment**-protects our right to bear arms AKA guns-

**3rd Amendment**-no forced housing of soldiers AKA "quartering of troops"-

**4th Amendment**-Protects us against illegal searches and seizures

Interpreted to mean police must have a warrant or probable cause to search and that we have a basic right to privacy

**5th Amendment**-protects us against being abused by the legal system

Due process-idea that all citizens are guaranteed fair treatment by the government

Eminent domain-idea that the government can take property from a citizen for the common good but they must be fairly compensated for it

Grand jury-sets up a type of jury that determines whether there is enough evidence to formally charge (indict) someone with a major crime

No double jeopardy-a person cannot be charged with the same instance of a crime twice after they have been acquitted of that crime

Right to remain silent as a protection against self-incrimination

**6th Amendment**-Protects us against unfair courts/trials

Guarantees a speedy, public trial

Right to an attorney

A trial by a jury of your peers (a panel of regular citizens decides guilt or innocence in major cases)

No secret charges

Right to question all witnesses

**7th Amendment**-Guarantees a jury trial in all major civil cases also

**8th Amendment**-Protects us against overly harsh punishments

No excessive bail and fines-

No cruel and unusual punishment-

**9th Amendment**-Protects us against things they forgot about...

All rights not listed are still protected-

**10th Amendment**-Protects the rights of the states

All powers not given to the national government are reserved for the states.