The Amendments to the Constitution

WebQuest Description: The learner will participate in five activities to learn about and better understand the amendments to the constitution.

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Introduction

Have you ever wondered how the amendments to the U.S. Constitution changed it? This webquest will teach about the amendments to the constitution and how they affect the laws of the land.

Tasks

Learners will do the following:

Lesson 1: Touch the first link that takes you to a list of the amendments to the constitution and answer the questions below.

VOCABULARY: Propose-To put forth an idea
Enact(ed)-To start, To take effect
Codify-To make official policy
Prohibition-To prohibit, outlaw
Repeal-To do away with, overturn
Precedent-To set a standard

Answer the following questions:
2. Which amendments were all proposed and enacted at the same time?
3. Which amendment was enacted over 200 years after it was first proposed? 4.
6. Which amendment repealed the 18th amendment?

Lesson 2: Read the Bill of Rights section on The Constitution for Kids website.

Answer the following questions:
1. Why was the Bill of Rights passed?
2. What can we say about the president if we so choose?
3. What is one other right protected by the Bill of Rights?

Watch "The Bill of Rights in 30 Seconds" Video once for information, another for meaning, and a last time for understanding.

Answer the following questions:
1. What are the five freedoms protected by the 1st Amendment?
2. Which amendment is like a gun?
3. Which amendment allows you to cover your mouth?
4. Who is the last chair in the restaurant reserved for?

Lesson 3: Watch "The Amendments Song" Video once for information, another for meaning, and a last time for understanding.

Answer the following questions:
1. Which amendments affected those that were slaves?
2. What did the 17th Amendment allow?
3. Which amendment are you "now allowed to take a sip"?
4. Which amendment allowed women to vote?
5. Which amendment lowered the voting age?
6. Which amendment is "like a gun"?
7. Which amendment allowed women to vote?
8. Which amendment does Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier limit?

Lesson 4: Log onto www.oyez.org, which is also linked below, and search the following cases.

1. Bethel School District v. Fraser
3. Miranda v. Arizona
4. Mapp v. Ohio
5. Gideon v. Wainwright

From the information read, record the year this case was heard and which amendment it is affected by. Also record a brief summary of what happened in the case, include why this case is important, and did it protect or limit the right given by the amendment.

Lesson 5: Proceed to the Evaluation tab and take the assessment.

Evaluation

Use the following to evaluate your learning, answer the following questions:

Match the following cases with the correct amendment:
1. Bethel School District v. Fraser
3. Miranda v. Arizona
4. Mapp v. Ohio
5. Gideon v. Wainwright

A. 52. Miranda v. Arizona
B. 63. Gideon v. Wainwright
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Answer the following questions:
4. Who is the last chair in the restaurant reserved for?
5. Which amendment prohibited alcohol? Which amendment repealed that one?
6. Which amendment lowered the voting age?
7. Which amendment is "like a gun"?
8. Which amendment allowed women to vote?
9. Which amendment does Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier limit?
10. Which amendment does Mapp v. Ohio strengthen?
To bring closure to these lessons, write a summary of all that you have learned. Take a few minutes and write two brief paragraphs about the amendments to the US Constitution and how they affect our daily lives.

Conclusion

Thank you for viewing this Webquest. This page is based on Arizona's Social Studies Standards for 8th grade, strand 3, Civics and Government, Concepts 2 and 3.

Standards

Credits

Other