

## INTERPRETING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

**Directions:** The situations listed below are *not* allowed by the Bill of Rights. Read each situation and then write down the number of the amendment that prohibits the action.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Luke was found innocent of armed robbery, but the state decided to bring him to trial again anyway.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ After being found guilty of driving while intoxicated, the court ordered that Carolyn spend the next 30 years in solitary confinement.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The citizens of Upper Creek voted to double the taxes of all Catholics.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ In a civil trial where the dispute was more than \$20, both sides were denied a jury trial.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ For no apparent reason, the police stopped Rita while she was driving and began to search through her car trunk and personal luggage.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The United States attorney general ordered all American citizens to turn in their rifles and pistols by noon on Saturday.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Judge M. T. Nasty ordered a doctor to cut off the right hand of Marty, a convicted pickpocket.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The federal government decided that state governments were no longer necessary.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ The president declared that the only rights Americans have are those listed in the first eight amendments.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ A United States representative prohibited a local newspaper from printing an editorial that was critical of her record.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ During peacetime the army ordered the residents of Seaville to house its soldiers.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ A group of labor leaders was told that they could not conduct a peaceful rally in the town square.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Henry was arrested for shoplifting but was not brought to trial for five years.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ The judge insisted that the defendant take the stand and explain his actions on the night of the alleged crime.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ The police decided to place a "bug" in Kevin's home telephone in the hope that they would uncover some kind of crime.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Congress passed a law banning the practice of Buddhism in the United States.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Congress told the state of Montana that it would no longer be able to issue marriage licenses.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Melissa was arrested and placed in jail without being informed of the nature or cause of the accusation.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ After being charged with arson, Nathaniel was denied the right of counsel for his defense.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Stone placed Kyle's bail for cheating on a high school exam at \$500,000.