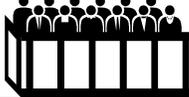


# The Bill of Rights

A bill of rights is a written document that defines the rights of citizens and establishes limitations on the government. Bills of rights were included in most of the state constitutions in the early republic as they are today. The original Constitution did not contain a Bill of rights-a fact the Anti-Federalists used as an argument against ratification of the proposed constitution. Fearing passage of a national constitution without a written bill of rights, several states sent suggestions for amendments to be added when they ratified the Constitution. James Madison took their ideas and developed twelve amendments, ten of which were passed by the states. These first ten amendments were called the Bill of Rights and added to the Constitution in 1791.

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- a. Is this situation Constitutional?



- b. Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:
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- a. Is this situation Constitutional?
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  - c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:
14. Since Anna was convicted of stealing, the judge thought it would be an appropriate punishment to cut off one of her hands as a reminder to never steal again.
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  - c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:
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  - b. **Amendment #4 (Search and Seizure)**



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  - b. **Amendment #10 (States’ Rights)**
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  - c. Cite relevant text in Amendment: **“...no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation...”**