

Amendments #1-10 = "The Bill of Rights"

- 1st Amendment = freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition
- 2nd Amendment = right to bear arms
- 3rd Amendment = no quartering of soldiers
- 4th Amendment = no illegal search/seizure (without a warrant)
- 5th Amendment = due process + no self-incrimination (right to remain silent)
- 6th Amendment = legal rights
- 7th Amendment = civil trials
- 8th Amendment = no cruel or unusual punishment

Important dates/numbers

- Independence Day = July 4
- Declared independence in 1776
- 9 = judges on the Supreme Court
- 50 = stars on the US flag
- 13 = original colonies

Constitution

- Law of the land in US
- Changes = amendments
- 27 amendments total so far

Vocab

- Bill = proposed law
- Veto = way for the president to stop a bill from becoming a law
- Veto override = way that Congress can pass a law without the president's support
- Bicameral = has two parts
- Electoral college = elects the president
- "Double Jeopardy" – you can't be tried for the same crime twice
- Congress = made up of both the House of Rep and the Senate
- "checks and balances" = way that no branch of government can become too powerful
- Impeach = to formally charge someone with a crime related to his/her office
- Warrant = needed to search a person or his/her property

Age Requirements + term lengths

- President = 35 (4 years)
- Senator = 30 (6 years)
- House of Rep = 25 (2 years)

Branches of Government

- Legislative = makes laws
- Executive = carries out the laws
- Judicial = interprets the laws

Government positions

- President = leader of the country
- Governor = leader of a state
- Mayor = leader of a city
- Speaker of the House = becomes president if both the president and vice-president can't serve

People

- George Washington = 1st president
- Thomas Jefferson = wrote the Constitution
- James Madison = father of the Constitution (writer of the Bill of Rights)