

Write the Rights

Benchmark: SS.7.C.2.4 Evaluate rights contained in the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the Constitution.

Clarifications/Objectives:

- Students will recognize that the Bill of Rights comprises the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
- Students will recognize the five freedoms protected by the First Amendment.
- Students will evaluate how the Bill of Rights influences individual actions and social interactions.
- Students will use scenarios to identify rights protected by the Bill of Rights.
- Students will use scenarios to recognize violations of the Bill of Rights or other constitutional amendments.

Terms to know: cruel and unusual punishment, double jeopardy, due process, eminent domain, equal protection under the law, pleading the fifth, right to bear arms, right to legal counsel, search and seizure, suffrage, trial by jury

Time: One class period

Materials:

- Write the Right! PowerPoint
- Handout A: Write the Right!
- Computer
- Projector

Lesson Preparation

- Review all handouts and PowerPoints
- Print and review the PowerPoint in “notes view”. The PowerPoint includes notes to guide the lesson.
- Make copies of Handout A
- Print Teacher Handout A

Lesson Overview

Warm Up Question: Begin by asking students to write down what they think their most important right is. Have students share their responses.

Using the Write the Right PowerPoint briefly review the perspectives of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists (see the lesson Fed Up, Benchmark 1.8). Emphasize the Anti-Federalists’ demand that a Bill of Rights be added to the United States Constitution. This addition was critical to the ratification, or approval, of the new Constitution. Discuss the Bill of Rights and watch the short video from Ted Ed.

Distribute Handout A. Explain to students that we are going to look at each right named in the Benchmark and discuss the right. As the right is being discussed*, they will need to find the scenario that describes the right and write the right being addressed in the appropriate box. Discuss each scenario briefly and make sure students have matched the correct right to the scenario. *Depending on time,*

students can write the right in their own words or draw a visual cue in the provided space. If there is not class time for this it can be used as an extension activity/homework.

*As an alternate method, the PowerPoint can be reviewed straight through and students can use their knowledge gained from the presentation to identify the rights in the scenario.

Have students read over the rights listed on their handout. Working individually, have students select what they think is their *most important right* and their *least important right*. Have students discuss in small groups of 3-5 students. Discuss as a whole class.

Check for Understanding The final slide will include a question from the End of Course Exam Item Specifications book. Have the students independently write down their answer and ask student to explain how they made their decision.

Scenario	Write the Right	Make it yours! Write the right in your own words or draw a picture to help you remember it.
A group of students on a college campus came together to hold a peaceful rally about global warming.	These students were exercising their right to...	
In 1920, women were granted the right to vote.	This furthered the right to...	
A homeless man in Panama City was arrested and charged with theft. He could not afford an attorney and had to go to trial without one.	This was a violation of...	
Students wore black arm bands to school to protest the Vietnam War.	These students were exercising their right to...	
The government created a policy that all news must be filtered through the White House press office before going to print. This was found to be a violation of the Constitution.	This is a violation of the right to...	
Marco purchased a firearm for hunting from an authorized dealer and provided all needed documentation.	Marco was exercising his right to...	
Schools used to be segregated by race based on state laws. The Supreme Court ruled that dividing schools based on race was unfair and discriminatory.	The Supreme Court protected the people's right to...	
A 15-year-old was arrested for making inappropriate prank phone calls. The police did not notify his parents that he was being arrested and was not informed of rights he was entitled to like protection from self-incrimination or his right to counsel.	This was a violation of the juvenile's right to...	
The City of Sunshine is in the process of bringing a hockey team to the area and will need land on which to build a new arena. The site has been selected and Sunshine officials have offered the homeowners a fair amount for the property where the arena is to be built.	The government is respecting the homeowners' right to...	

Police received a confirmed tip that there were drugs being sold out of a residence. They were able to secure a warrant and promptly searched the location named.	The right protected in this scenario was the right to...	
A city is creating a policy that would fine residents \$1,000,000 for littering in the community.	This is a violation of the peoples' right to protection from...	
Alan was found not guilty of a crime. When the State Attorney wanted to put him on trial for the same crime, it was determined that it was unconstitutional to try him for the same crime twice.	The right that is being protected in this scenario is...	
Madison was arrested for a crime and put on trial. When it came time for her to testify, she decided that she did not want to testify against herself.	This was an exercise in the right to...	
A group of students created and ran an after school religious club where they meet weekly to discuss issues and worship together.	This is an exercise of freedom of...	
A 19 year-old was arrested for burglary and the case went to trial. After three hours of deliberations, an unbiased group found the person not guilty of the crime.	This was a protection of the right to...	
There are many websites where you can create a formal request to bring attention to a government issue and have others sign in support.	This is an exercise of the right to...	

I think the **most important** right I have is...

Because...

I think the **least important** right I have is...

Because...

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A group of students on a college campus came together to hold a peaceful rally about global warming.	These students were exercising their right to... Peaceably assemble	Student responses will vary.
In 1920, women were granted the right to vote.	This furthered the right to... suffrage	
A homeless man in Panama City was arrested and charged with theft. He could not afford an attorney and had to go to trial without one.	This was a violation of... Right to legal counsel	
Students wore black arm bands to school to protest the Vietnam War.	These students were exercising their right to... Free speech	
The government created a policy that all news must be filtered through the White House press office before going to print. This was found to be a violation of the Constitution.	This is a violation of the right to... Freedom of press	
Marco purchased a firearm for hunting from an authorized dealer and provided all needed documentation.	Marco was exercising his right to... Bear arms	
Schools used to be segregated by race based on state laws. The Supreme Court ruled that dividing schools based on race was unfair and discriminatory.	The Supreme Court protected the people's right to... Equal protection of the law	
A 15-year-old was arrested for making inappropriate prank phone calls. The police did not notify his parents that he was being arrested and was not informed of rights he was entitled to like protection from self-incrimination or his right to counsel.	This was a violation of the juvenile's right to... Due process	
The City of Sunshine is in the process of bringing a hockey team to the area and will need land on which to build a new arena. The site has been selected and Sunshine officials have offered the homeowners a fair amount for the property where the arena is to be built.	The government is respecting the homeowners' right to... Eminent domain	

Police received a confirmed tip that there were drugs being sold out of a residence. They were able to secure a warrant and promptly searched the location named.	The right protected in this scenario was the right to... Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures	
A city is creating a policy that would fine residents \$1,000,000 for littering in the community.	This is a violation of the peoples' right to protection from... Excessive fines, cruel and unusual punishment	
Alan was found not guilty of a crime. When the State Attorney wanted to put him on trial for the same crime, it was determined that it was unconstitutional to try him for the same crime twice.	The right that is being protected in this scenario is... Protection from double jeopardy	
Madison was arrested for a crime and put on trial. When it came time for her to testify, she decided that she did not want to testify against herself.	This was an exercise in the right to... Plead the fifth; protect yourself from self-incrimination	
A group of students created and ran an after school religious club where they meet weekly to discuss issues and worship together.	This is an exercise of freedom of... Religion	
A 19 year-old was arrested for burglary and the case went to trial. After three hours of deliberations, an unbiased group found the person not guilty of the crime.	This was a protection of the right to... Trial by an impartial jury	
There are many websites where you can create a formal request to bring attention to a government issue and have others sign in support.	This is an exercise of the right to... Petition the government	