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Amendment	Explanation	Amendment	Explanation	Amendment	Explanation
1st Amendment	Freedom of religion, speech, petition, and assembly.	10th Amendment	Reserved powers to the states.	19th Amendment	Women have the right to vote.
2nd Amendment	Right to bear arms.	11th Amendment	States are protected from being sued by citizens of another state.	20th Amendment	President and vice-president's term of office begins on January 20th, and no longer in March.
3rd Amendment	No quartering of soldiers.	12th Amendment	Separated balloting procedures for president and vice-president (they are a team).	21st Amendment	Repeal of prohibition.
4th Amendment	Protection against illegal search and seizure.	13th Amendment	Abolition of slavery.	22nd Amendment	President is limited to two (2) terms.
5th Amendment	Protection against self-incrimination, double-jeopardy. Protection of due process and the right to a grand jury.	14th Amendment	Granted former slaves citizenship and equal protection, established principle of selective incorporation.	23rd Amendment	D.C. is given presidential electors.
6th Amendment	Right to a speedy and public trial, impartial jury, and right to counsel.	15th Amendment	African-American men could vote.	24th Amendment	Poll tax is illegal.
7th Amendment	Right to a trial by jury in common-law cases.	16th Amendment	Established federal income tax.	25th Amendment	Established the vice-president as the successor if the president is unable to serve. The president can nominate a vice-president if there is a vacancy.
8th Amendment	Protection against cruel and unusual punishment. No excessive bail imposed.	17th Amendment	Direct election of US Senators.	26th Amendment	18-year olds have the right to vote.
9th Amendment	The enumeration of rights in the Constitution won't be used against the people.	18th Amendment	Prohibition	27th Amendment	Congressional pay raises will only take effect after the next election.