



Constitutional Crossword

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Do you know enough about the Bill of Rights to cross these words? If you need some help solving the clues, turn to page 30 to learn about the amendments. You also will find a history clue about the Bill of Rights hidden in the puzzle. This clue will give you a good indication of why these ten amendments are receiving so much attention this year. **Answers on page 47.**

Across

1. Amendment _____ protects us against cruel and unusual punishment
3. A member of the Supreme Court; also, a goal of the Bill of Rights
6. Powers remaining with the states (abbrev.)
7. The Fifth and Sixth amendments guarantee that this will be fair
8. Another word for freedom; also, the name of a famous bell
11. This amendment protects us against unreasonable search and seizure
12. Essays written by Hamilton, Madison, and Jay to gain support for the Constitution
14. Initials of a famous city in California
17. Those who "take the Fifth" will often give no more than this when questioned
18. Pronoun
20. Many believe that their right to own this is protected by the Second Amendment
22. Hour (abbrev.)
24. Acronym for the famous labor union involved in many free speech fights in the early 1900s
25. Chemical symbol for iron
26. Opposite of you
27. Initials of the city that is the home of the Statue of Liberty
28. Postal abbreviation for Tennessee
29. Jefferson's first name
30. The final point
32. Former, as in _____ President Ronald Reagan
33. Snake-like fish

Down

34. The Bill of Rights is part of this
37. Plural ending added to certain words
38. Number of the amendment on freedom of speech, religion, and association
41. The Second Amendment guarantees the right to bear _____
42. This founding father favored adding a bill of rights to the Constitution
45. The Eighth Amendment says that this money paid to be released from jail can not be excessive
46. Many of the rights in the Fifth and Sixth amendments are used during this
48. This amendment is often quoted in debates about gun control
50. This amendment forbids quartering troops in private homes
51. According to the Tenth Amendment, many rights remain with the _____ and the people

Down

2. Military bases solve the problem addressed by this amendment
3. The Sixth Amendment guarantees this type of trial in certain cases
4. Consume food
5. This amendment deals with freedom of expression
9. One of the subjects of the Eighth Amendment; cannot be cruel or unusual
10. Additions to the Constitution
13. Amendment _____ says no excessive fines may be imposed
14. The Sixth Amendment guarantees the right to counsel—that is, to have a _____

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15. American men and women (acronym)
16. A person may "take" this and refuse to answer questions
17. Number of justices on the Supreme Court
19. Amendment _____ is the last in the Bill of Rights
21. The president may _____ a Supreme Court justice, but Congress must approve his choice
23. Latin word for king
31. Hidden item in this puzzle
35. Country protected by the Bill of Rights
36. A person may say this to an unreasonable search
39. This cannot be conducted without a proper warrant
40. The Fourth Amendment protects these
43. First name of the "author" of the Bill of Rights
44. Famous Supreme Court justice; also a color
47. Young boy (old-fashioned)
49. Small point

