

BILL OF RIGHTS SITUATIONS

Read the following situations and decide:

- A) YES or NO to the question that is being asked**
- B) WHICH AMENDMENT is being discussed**
- C) WHICH PART OF THE AMENDMENT relates to the situation (such as *freedom of speech*)**

1. A man living in New York City is arrested for shoplifting. To find out if the man has shoplifted before, the police cut off one of the man's fingers to make him talk. Can the police legally cut off his finger?
A) NO **B) 8** **C) CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT**
2. A woman is being tried for murder. The prosecuting attorney forces her to take the stand and testify. Can the prosecutor force her to testify?
A) NO **B) 5** **C) NO SELF-INCRIMINATION**
3. A student wears a button to school urging people the vote for a certain candidate for president of the U.S. Other students don't like the candidate and ask the principal to force the student to take off the button. Can the principal force the student to remove the button?
A) NO **B) 1** **C) FREEDOM OF SPEECH**
4. A young woman is being tried for treason. She is accused of selling plans for building a nuclear warhead to Iran. The judge believes it would be dangerous to let the public hear her ideas. He refuses to allow anyone to view the trial. Can the judge refuse to allow anyone to view the trial?
A) NO **B) 6** **C) PUBLIC TRIAL**
5. A town needs more land to build a new elementary school. A woman's property is needed but she wants to keep it. The town forces her to sell and gives her twice the property's actual value. Does the town have the right to take her land?
A) YES **B) 5** **C) EMINENT DOMAIN**
6. The government tries a man for murder and loses the case. A jury says he is innocent. The district attorney who prosecuted the case is mad and promises to keep trying him until they get a jury to convict him. Can the district attorney keep trying him for murder?
A) NO **B) 5** **C) DOUBLE JEOPARDY**
7. A police officer believes that a man living in his apartment complex is selling drugs. Without a warrant, the police officer breaks into the man's apartment and finds a large amount of drugs, drug paraphernalia, and money. The man is arrested for possession of drugs. Can this evidence be used against this man in court?
A) NO **B) 4** **C) NO ILLEGAL SEARCH AND SEIZURES**
8. The mayor wants to limit the amount of guns in his city because of an increase in gun violence. He passes an ordinance that states that no guns are allowed in the city limits for any reason except for police officers. Can the mayor ban all guns in the city?
A) NO **B) 2** **C) RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS**
9. The state of California wants to shorten the school year to 150 days to save money. The federal government says they can't do this because all kids in America should go to school the same amount of time. Can the state reduce the number of days it offers school?
A) YES **B) 10** **C) POWERS RESERVED TO THE STATES**
10. Someone broke into a business and stole cell phones and computers. A poor man was arrested for the crime. Since the man can't afford an attorney, the state of California tells the man that he is going to have to represent himself. Can the state make the man represent himself at trial?
A) NO **B) 6** **C) RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY**