

Interpreting the Bill of Rights

Directions: The situations below are NOT allowed by the Bill of Rights. Read each situation and then write down the number of the amendment that prohibits the action.

1. _____ Justin was found innocent of armed robbery, but the state decided to bring him to trial anyway.
2. _____ After being found guilty of driving while intoxicated, the court ordered that Lizzie spend the next 30 years in solitary confinement.
3. _____ The citizens of Upper Creek voted to double the taxes of all Catholics.
4. _____ In a civil trial where the dispute was more than \$20, both sides were denied a jury trial.
5. _____ For no apparent reason, the police stopped Kenny while he was driving and began to search through his trunk and personal luggage.
6. _____ The United States attorney general ordered all Americans to turn in their rifles and pistols by noon on Saturday.
7. _____ Judge M.T. Nasty ordered a doctor to cut off the right hand of Tucker, a convicted pickpocket.
8. _____ The federal government decided that state governments were no longer necessary.
9. _____ The president declared that the only rights Americans have are listed in the first eight amendments.
10. _____ A United States representative prohibited a local newspaper from printing an editorial that was critical of her record.
11. _____ During peacetime the army ordered the residents of Seaville to house its soldiers.
12. _____ A group of labor leaders was told that it could not conduct a peaceful rally in the town square.
13. _____ Chris was arrested for shoplifting but was not brought to trial for five years.
14. _____ The judge insisted that the defendant take the stand and explain his actions on the night of his alleged crime.
15. _____ The police decided to place a “bug” in Julia’s home telephone in hope that they would uncover some kind of crime.
16. _____ Congress passed a law banning the practice of Buddhism in the United States.
17. _____ Congress told the state of Montana that it would no longer be able to issue marriage licenses.
18. _____ Olivia was arrested and placed in jail without being informed of the nature or cause of the accusation.
19. _____ After being charged with arson, Nate was denied the right of counsel for his defense.
20. _____ Judge Stone placed Christian’s bail for cheating on a high school exam at \$500,000.