Name _____

WHICH AMENDMENT?

Read each situation. In 1791 the Bill of Rights limited only the national government, so imagine the national government is involved. Write the number of the amendment that protects the person, and tell why. Use the Bill of Rights page.

1. Congress passes a law that sets up one official church for the whole country and makes every family pay to support it.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

2. A newspaper prints an article criticizing the president. Congress passes a law to close the newspaper and fine its printer.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

3. In peacetime, an army officer tells a family that six soldiers will move into their house tomorrow. The owners never agreed.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

4. Federal agents walk into a woman's home and search her desk and papers. They have no warrant and no good reason to suspect a crime.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

5. A man is found not guilty of stealing a horse. The next year the national government puts him on trial again for the same theft.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

6. A man accused of a federal crime waits in jail for years with no trial. When the trial finally comes, he is told he cannot have a lawyer.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

7. Two neighbors go to federal court over a $500 debt one says the other owes. One of them asks for a jury to decide the case.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

8. A judge sets bail at one million dollars for a man accused of a small crime, so high that no one could ever pay it.

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

9. A student says, "The Constitution never lists a right to travel from state to state, so Americans must not have that right."

   Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

10. The Constitution says nothing about who runs public schools. A state decides it will make the rules for its own schools.

    Amendment: _____ **Why:** _____

11. **Four of these situations involve people accused of crimes. Which amendments protect them? Why do you think the Bill of Rights gives so many rights to the accused?**

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