Bill of Rights Scavenger Hunt

**Directions:** ***For each of the following scenarios, decide whether the action is protected by the Constitution or not. Use the We The People books and use the actual primary source to find answer. Provide the Amendment that the scenario refers to, and cite the specific text of the Amendment that supports or disputes the action. Because America hates education and won’t fund copies, please answer on your own paper.***

1. A group of college students create a website with instructions about how to create a homemade explosive.
   1. Is this situation Constitutional? **Yes**
   2. Amendment # **­­1 – Freedom of Speech**
   3. Cite relevant text in Amendment: **“Congress shall make no law…abridging the freedom**

**of speech…”**

2. Americans must be at least 21 years of age to purchase alcohol legally

* 1. Is this situation Constitutional?
  2. Amendment # ­­

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

3. Robert is disgruntled with the current political party in Presidential office. He decides to publicly

voice his opinions in the middle of the city square with a speech outlining the faults of the party,

the mistakes of the President, and the overall decline of the administration.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment # ­

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

4. A family displays a Nativity scene on the front lawn during Christmas.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

5. Jane is student in a public elementary school. Every day before lunch, her teacher instructs the

class to remember to say grace before the meal.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

6. Nancy is a writer for a well-known city newspaper. She is writing an article about one of the

Congressional candidates. Having a strong personal dislike for the candidate and wanting to

sensationalize her article, Nancy decides to make up a story about the candidate having an

extramarital affair, which would cast him in a bad light with voters.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment

7. In 1982, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the State of New York for

evicting striking correctional officers and allowing members of the National Guard to live

in their housing instead.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

8. John works in a department store at the mall. The other day, a bag of illegal drugs was found in

the parking lot of the mall. As a result, the police proceeded to open and search through all of

the cars in the parking lot at that time.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

9. Bobby’s brother went to trial on charges of stealing last year. He was found not guilty. This past

week, a witness came forward with concrete evidence that Bobby’s brother was to blame for

the theft, and the victim wants him tried again.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

10. The Webb family’s farmhouse is the last piece of private property along a certain highway. The

government wants to extend the highway through that piece of land and sent the family a letter

detailing those plans and offering a $60,000 for the land, a price comparable to similar pieces of

property being sold at that time.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

11. In 2000, members of the Ku Klux Klan organized a rally outside of a courthouse in Skokie,

Illinois, a historically Jewish town.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment # ­­

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

12. Daniel Johnson is a homeless man arrested for stealing from a large department store. The

judge set bail at 1 million dollars, an unusually disproportionate amount.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

13. A person accused of murder cannot afford to hire a lawyer and is assigned a public

defender.

1. Is this situation Constitutional?
2. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

14. Mr. Jones’ gun was confiscated by the police at a traffic stop, even though he showed them the

proper permit and license for ownership of the gun.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

15. Jackie was arrested by the police as she was coming out of work. When she asked what charges

she was being arrested under the police refused to tell her, and when she requested a lawyer,

the police simply laughed at her and told her they were all too busy for her.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

16. In Pennsylvania, a person has to be at least 16 years old to apply for a learner’s permit for

driving.

1. Is this situation Constitutional?
2. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

17. When a passenger sues a city transportation authority because she sustained neck injuries, a

jury, not a judge, decides the case.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

18. Although the death penalty is only legal in certain states, it can only be used in cases of

homicide.

a. Is this situation Constitutional?

b. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment:

19. When being interrogated by police, a person refuses to answer certain questions and

chooses to remain silent.

1. Is this situation Constitutional?
2. Amendment #

c. Cite relevant text in Amendment: