



OVERVIEW: Use this document to help guide research on your **topic's** historical context and debate. These websites are a collection of reliable sources that will help begin your research process. Please check with your teacher if you are accessing other sources to ensure they are appropriate and reliable. All research sources should be documented in a Works Cited page using MLA citation.

NOTE: The sources attempt to show multiple viewpoints on many highly debated topics. The views and content in these articles do not necessary reflect those of your teacher or the school organization. Please suggest addition quality sources as you find them 😊

FOR ALL TOPICS:

Create a two column notes organizer using a separate document to help record and process your research findings. Be sure to keep track of your sources and please do not plagiarize! Any notes should be written in your own words and quotations used when appropriate.

## First Amendment

HISTORICAL CONTEXT - Key concepts to research:

A) English and Colonial Documents (The Magna Carta, The English Bill of Rights, The Massachusetts Body of Liberties): many of the freedoms in this amendment existed in English and colonial law before the American Revolution.

<http://www.ushistory.org/gov/2.asp>

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/magna-carta-muse-and-mentor/magna-carta-and-the-us-constitution.html>

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/bor/roots-chart/>

<https://www.docsoffreedom.org/readings/the-role-of-government> (advanced reading)

<http://libguides.law.uga.edu/c.php?g=177206&p=1164810>

B) The culture of religious freedom in the American colonies: Note the influence of groups who immigrated to America for religious freedom (Pilgrims/Puritans, Quakers, Catholics,).

C) The culture of freedom of speech, press, assembly and petition during the Colonial Era (newspapers, pamphlets, town meetings)

D) Violations of freedom during the American Revolution: The Coercive Acts (Boston town meetings shut down as punishment for the Boston Tea Party)

<http://www.heritage.org/constitution/#!/amendments/1/essays/141/freedom-of-assembly-and-petition>

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/madison/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/The-First-Amendment-in-the-Colonial-press.pdf>

E) Anti-Federalists push for a Bill of Rights

<http://firstamendment.cci.utk.edu/content/bill-rights-gift-antifederalists>

Debate

## Topics

- A) First Amendment - Speech and Religion in School (What can you say/wear/express in school? Evolution debate, Prayer in school)
- B) First Amendment - Offensive speech and censorship (Flag burning, hate speech, censorship of the press media, fake news)

DEBATE - Check out the tabs (Speech, Press, Assembly, Religion, Petition) on the top of the following link. Be sure to focus on your selected subtopic (A or B).

[www.firstamendmentcenter.org](http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org)

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/first-amendment-timeline>

<http://www.annenberghclassroom.org/page/first-amendment>

Press:

<http://www.breitbart.com/video/2016/12/22/maddow-worried-real-attack-press-trump-presidency/>

Right to petition

[http://www.nbcnews.com/id/28604373/ns/us\\_news-life/t/woman-fights-city-hall-over-right-petition/](http://www.nbcnews.com/id/28604373/ns/us_news-life/t/woman-fights-city-hall-over-right-petition/)

## Second Amendment

HISTORICAL CONTEXT - Key concepts to research:

A) The Battle of Lexington and Concord: event during the American Revolution where the British attempted to take colonial weapons.

B) Colonial culture of militias and gun-rights

<https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/056e/84b88e86420a66d58e9e4bd79c810d9ef88f.pdf>  
(pg. 493)

<http://www.davekopel.org/2A/LawRev/american-revolution-against-british-gun-control.html>

(Pro-Gun rights activist gives history of gun rights violation in Colonial America)

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/five-myths-about-gun-control/2012/12/21/6ffe0ae8-49fd-11e2-820e-17eefac2f939\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.0084048d470e](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/five-myths-about-gun-control/2012/12/21/6ffe0ae8-49fd-11e2-820e-17eefac2f939_story.html?utm_term=.0084048d470e) (Check out # 4 about Colonial gun control)

<http://www.historytoday.com/stephen-cooper/gun-control-right-bear-arms>

## Debate

### Topic

**C) Gun Control Laws and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights – what's the right balance?**

Heller v District of Colombia: Does a District of Colombia law violate the Second Amendment rights of individuals who are not affiliated with any state-regulated militia (like the National Guard), but who wish to keep handguns and other firearms for private use in their homes?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2007/07-290>

McDonald v City of Chicago: Can city governments pass gun-control laws?

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/cert/08-1521>

Other sites:

<https://newsela.com/text-sets/5614/second-amendment>

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

<https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/guncontrol.pdf>

<http://billofrightsinstitute.org/educate/educator-resources/lessons-plans/current-events/discussing-controversial-topics-the-second-amendment/>

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/video/hillary-clinton-donald-trump-debate-2nd-amendment-42926461>

<http://www.intelligencesquaredus.org/debates/constitutional-right-bear-arms-has-outlived-its-usefulness>

Pro Gun-Control:

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/05/politics/obama-executive-action-gun-control/>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-five-extra-words-that-can-fix-the-second-amendment/2014/04/11/f8a19578-b8fa-11e3-96ae-f2c36d2b1245\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.f42cf7c4ee38](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-five-extra-words-that-can-fix-the-second-amendment/2014/04/11/f8a19578-b8fa-11e3-96ae-f2c36d2b1245_story.html?utm_term=.f42cf7c4ee38)

<http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-lost-amendment>

Conservative news publication:

<http://www.breitbart.com/2nd-amendment/>

## Fourth Amendment

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<https://www.docsoffreedom.org/readings/the-role-of-government> (advanced reading)

B) Writs of Assistance: documents used during the American Revolution by British authorities to search Americans, violating their privacy rights as English citizens.

<https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/amendments/amendment-iv>

## Debate

### Topic

### F) Government spying and privacy rights – what's the right balance?

<https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/amendments/amendment-iv>

NSA Phone Spying

<http://www.intelligencesquared.us/debates/mass-collection-us-phone-records-violates-fourth-amendment>

<http://www.npr.org/2014/10/14/356127807/debate-does-mass-phone-data-collection-violate-the-4th-amendment>

FBI seeks access to San Bernardino **shooter's** IPHONE: What is the balance between technology privacy rights and the public good/safety?

<http://www.npr.org/sections/alltechconsidered/2016/12/03/504130977/a-year-after-san-bernardino-and-apple-fbi-where-are-we-on-encryption>

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/03/01/468599364/fbi-chief-tells-congress-encryption-is-creating-warrant-proof-devices>

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/03/10/469994735/apple-vs-the-government-in-their-own-words>

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/02/24/468016377/apple-ceo-tim-cook-back-door-to-iphones-would-be-software-equivalent-of-cancer>

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/02/17/467035863/judge-orders-apple-to-help-investigators-unlock-california-shooters-phone>

## TOPIC

### G) Search warrants in criminal investigations

Arizona v. Gant: Under what conditions can the police search a **person's** immediate area (person, car, home, etc.) without obtaining a warrant?

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

City of Ontario v. Quon: Did a city police **department's** review of an **employee's** text messages on a department-issued pager violate his (and the other **texter's**) Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable searches and seizures?

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

<https://www.wired.com/2010/10/fbi-tracking-device/>

<http://www.npr.org/2012/03/21/149011887/fbi-still-struggling-with-supreme-courts-gps-ruling>

## Fifth Amendment

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<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/bor/roots-chart/>

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<http://libguides.law.uga.edu/c.php?g=177206&p=1164810>

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## Debate

### Topic

H) Due Process, no self-incrimination, double jeopardy (What are the rights of “**accused**” people?)

### Due Process –

Rumsfeld v. Padilla: Do the **President’s** Commander-in-Chief powers, given the Congressional “**Authorization** for Use of Military **Force**,” enable him to seize and detain a United States citizen arrested in the United States based on the **President’s** own determination that he is an “**enemy combatant**” who is closely associated with al Qaeda and has engaged in hostile and warlike acts?

Does the district court have jurisdiction over Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld to hear the amended *habeas* petition?

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

Hamdi v. Rumsfeld: Can the President indefinitely detain Yaser Esam Hamdi, an American citizen, who the President claims was captured in Afghanistan during a

military confrontation and serving as an “**enemy combatant**”; OR do the Constitution and federal law compel the government to allow him access to counsel and an opportunity to challenge the factual basis for his detention?

What is the role of the courts in regulating such claims of executive power in specific cases?

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

#### Self-incrimination –

Salinas v. Texas: Can a **person’s** refusal to speak during police questioning be used against them in court?

[www.rutherford.org/publications\\_resources/](http://www.rutherford.org/publications_resources/)

Missouri v. Seibert: Does an **officer’s** intentional use of questioning prior to the recitation of a Miranda warning undermine the protection offered by the Fifth Amendment such that even testimony given later is inadmissible, or can courts ignore the intention of the officer and admit all testimony given after the officer reads the Miranda warnings?

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

#### Double Jeopardy –

Blueford v. Arkansas: Does the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment forbid re-prosecution of a greater offense after a jury announces that it has voted against guilt on the greater offense and has deadlocked on a lesser offense?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2011/10-1320>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/supreme-court-says-double-jeopardy-does-not-protect-againstmurderretrial/2012/05/24/gJQAnXlznU\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.a002f63d210b](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/supreme-court-says-double-jeopardy-does-not-protect-againstmurderretrial/2012/05/24/gJQAnXlznU_story.html?utm_term=.a002f63d210b)

<http://media.law.uark.edu/arklawreview/2014/03/20/blueford-v-arkansas-why-the-united-states-supreme-courts-construction-of-arkansas-criminal-transitional-jury-instructions-is-not-binding-on-arkansas-courts/>

Other cases:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/09/the-trouble-with-double-jeopardy/499730/>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts\\_law/supreme-court-opens-with-a-complicated-case-of-double-jeopardy/2016/10/04/939f9ec8-8a57-11e6-b24f-a7f89eb68887\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.1c8c997fac6d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/supreme-court-opens-with-a-complicated-case-of-double-jeopardy/2016/10/04/939f9ec8-8a57-11e6-b24f-a7f89eb68887_story.html?utm_term=.1c8c997fac6d)

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/2013/05/26/dallas-man-arrested-in-murder-case-goes-free-because-of-double-jeopardy>

The case of George Stinney Jr.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2014/12/17/371534533/s-c-judge-says-boy-14-shouldn-t-have-been-executed>

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/21/us/george-stinney-hearing/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/theobserver/2014/mar/22/george-stinney-execution-verdict-innocent>

Topic I)

**Eminent Domain (When can the government take private land/property for public use?)**

Kelo v. New London: Can the government take private land from one person to give to another private developer?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2004/04-108>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/volokh-conspiracy/wp/2015/05/29/the-story-behind-the-kelo-case-how-an-obscure-takings-case-came-to-shock-the-conscience-of-the-nation/>

<http://www.usnews.com/opinion/economic-intelligence/2015/11/17/the-injustice-of-eminant-domain>

Current Events related to Eminent Domain

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/army-halt-dakota-access-pipeline\\_us\\_5849a3a3e4b0905b344240c2](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/army-halt-dakota-access-pipeline_us_5849a3a3e4b0905b344240c2)

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/traffic/your-commute/article122244079.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/ eminent-domain>

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

**Durango's "Bridge to Nowhere":**

<https://durangoherald.com/articles/1222-bridge-to-nowhere-may-link-to-550>

<http://archives.durangotelegraph.com/archives/2012/august-16-2012/news/on-the-road-again/>

<http://horsegulchblog.com/take-action/petition-against-road-connection-at-bridge-to-nowhere/>

## Sixth Amendment

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<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/magna-carta-muse-and-mentor/magna-carta-and-the-us-constitution.html>

- B) Vice Admiralty Courts: maritime courts in the British empire that did not use juries. Many American merchants ended up in these courts before the American Revolution.

<http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/vac.html>

## Debate

### Topic J) Rights of the “accused” in criminal cases/ Juvenile Justice

Gideon v. Wainwright: Must the courts appoint counsel to a defendant who cannot afford a lawyer?

[http://www.streetlaw.org/en/landmark/cases/gideon\\_v\\_wainwright](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/landmark/cases/gideon_v_wainwright)

Alabama v. Shelton: Does a person accused of a misdemeanor have a constitutional right to be appointed an attorney when the prison sentence given is suspended?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2001/00-1214>

[http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1985-12-11/news/8503250597\\_1\\_separate-opinion-ruling-6th-amendment](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1985-12-11/news/8503250597_1_separate-opinion-ruling-6th-amendment)

[www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

<https://durangoherald.com/articles/119361-juvenile-killer-raymond-cain-eligible-for-release-in-about-20-years>

George Stinney Jr

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2014/12/17/371534533/s-c-judge-says-boy-14-shouldn-t-have-been-executed>

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/21/us/george-stinney-hearing/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/theobserver/2014/mar/22/george-stinney-execution-verdict-innocent>

## Eighth Amendment:

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<http://www.ushistory.org/gov/2.asp>

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/magna-carta-muse-and-mentor/magna-carta-and-the-us-constitution.html>

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/bor/roots-chart/>

<https://www.docsoffreedom.org/readings/the-role-of-government> (advanced reading)

<http://libguides.law.uga.edu/c.php?g=177206&p=1164810>

B) The Founding Fathers were very aware of the past use of cruel punishments in the 13 British colonies and during the American Revolution

<http://www.heritage.org/constitution/#!/amendments/8/essays/161/cruel-and-unusual-punishment>

## Debate

### Topic K) Does the death penalty violate the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment?

Atkins v. Virginia: Does the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment prohibit the execution of prisoners with intellectual disabilities?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2001/00-8452>

Baze v. Reec: Did **Kentucky's** lethal injection death penalty violate the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2007/07-5439>

[http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

Other current news:

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/cruel-and-unusual-punishment>

<http://blog.constitutioncenter.org/2016/01/supreme-court-rules-in-major-eighth-amendment-sentencing-case/>

George Stinney Jr.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2014/12/17/371534533/s-c-judge-says-boy-14-shouldn-t-have-been-executed>

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/21/us/george-stinney-hearing/>

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## Tenth Amendment

### Historical Context:

Colonial Era

-Colonies founded independently by settlers and charters

-13 British Colonies remained very independent from each other. Each had their own government, laws and customs.

Articles of Confederation - First Constitution gave the states more power than the federal government

**States'** Rights - Explore how this issue has always been debated in U.S. culture

-Tariff of Abominations

-Southern State Secession during the U.S. Civil War

## Debate

**TOPIC L) State's Rights – How and why can states pass laws that sometime conflict with federal law? (Immigration, Legalization, Abortion, Death Penalty)**

Hammer v. Dagenhart: Supreme Court decision about the Tenth Amendment and Child Labor

<http://billofrightsinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/HammervDagenhart.pdf>

Arizona v. United States: Did **Arizona's** immigration law conflict with the Federal Law?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2011/11-182>

Chamber of Commerce v. Whiting : Did **Arizona's** immigration law conflict with the Federal Law?

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2010/09-115>

Other 10th Amendment topics:

Some states legalize marijuana

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/07/health/marijuana-legalize-ballot/>

Some states legalize “**right to die**” laws

<http://www.9news.com/entertainment/television/programs/next-with-kyle-clark/your-basic-explainer-of-colorados-new-right-to-die-law/351921253>

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/11/28/colorado-physicians-aid-in-dying-law/>

Death Penalty depends on the state where the crime is committed

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/11/14/5-facts-about-the-death-penalty/>

[http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

Abortion debate:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ohio-moves-to-ban-abortion-six-weeks-after-conception\\_us\\_58480c29e4b08c82e888e4fe](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ohio-moves-to-ban-abortion-six-weeks-after-conception_us_58480c29e4b08c82e888e4fe)

## 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Historical Context - Key concepts to research:

Examine the social and political situation at the end of the U.S. Civil War. The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment made slavery illegal in the United States; over 4 million slaves legally freed

History Alive textbook pgs.

Debate

**Topic**

## M) How does the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment apply to prisoners today in the United States?

[http://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2015/12/legal\\_experts\\_discus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2015/12/legal_experts_discus.html)

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/08/07/man-accuses-prison-of-violating-his-13th-amendment-rights-you-know-the-one-that-banned-slavery/>

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2014/08/14/slavery-legal-exception-prisoners-drugs-reform-column/14086227/>

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/19/us/colorado-slavery-state-constitution.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/19/us/colorado-slavery-state-constitution.html?_r=0)

[https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado\\_Removal\\_of\\_Exception\\_to\\_Slavery\\_Prohibition\\_for\\_Criminals,\\_Amendment\\_T\\_\(2016\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_Removal_of_Exception_to_Slavery_Prohibition_for_Criminals,_Amendment_T_(2016))

### Fourteenth Amendment:

Historical Context - Key concepts to research:

Examine the social and political situation at the end of the U.S. Civil War. Four million slaves freed; they are granted U.S. citizenship and **“equal protection”** under the law through the 14th Amendment.

History Alive Textbook pgs.

Debate

Topic

## N) The equal protection clause; Does the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment protect people when they are treated unequally?

[http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource\\_library](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/resource_library)

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2016/09/13/lawsuit-detroit-schoolchildren-literacy/90298836/>

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2013/08/05/former-concord-carlisle-student-alleges-bullying-million-lawsuit/tumwAMjC94O4xeVdVhMBIM/story.html>

[Lawrence v. Texas \(2003\)](#)

Does a Texas law that criminalizes sexual intimacy by same-sex couples violate the Fourteenth Amendment?

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/03/11/us/flint-crisis-lawsuits-five-things/>

Did city officials in Flint, Michigan violate the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment?

[Parents Involved v. Seattle \(2007\)](#)

Does the Equal Protection Clause forbid school districts from using a race-conscious student assignment plan to promote racial integration?

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article69752592.html>

North **Carolina's** House Bill 2 (HB2) – proposed law about bathrooms and gender. LGBTQ and civil rights groups have argued the laws is highly discriminatory.

Affirmative Action

[Regents of the U. of California v. Bakke \(1978\)](#): Can colleges and employers use race as a reason to accept or deny people into their organizations?

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/24/us/politics/supreme-court-affirmative-action-university-of-texas.html>

Roe v. Wade: Supreme Court Case legalizing abortions in the United States

[http://www.streetlaw.org/en/landmark/cases/roe\\_v\\_wade](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/landmark/cases/roe_v_wade)

<http://billofrightsinstitute.org/resources/educator-resources/americanpedia/americanpedia-landmark-supreme-court-cases/roe-v-wade/>

## Topic

### O) Birthright Citizenship and Immigration

The Dred Scott Case – the creation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment reversed this supreme court ruling from 1858.

<http://blog.constitutioncenter.org/2013/03/dred-scott-decision-still-resonates-today/>

United States vs Wong Kim Ark

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/1850-1900/169us649>

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Fifteenth Amendment:

Historical Context - Key concepts to research:

Examine the social and political situation at the end of the U.S. Civil War. Four million slaves freed; males are given voting rights.

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Debate

Topic

P) Voter ID laws, gerrymandering, and voting rights for Felons

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## Nineteenth Amendment

Historical Context:

**The Women's Rights Movement (1848 – 1920)**

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Debate

**Topic:**

**Q) Has gender equality been achieved today?**

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