

# The Bill of Rights Mini-Poster

## Due November 18/21, 2016



The United States Constitution has endured for over two hundred years as the supreme law of our land. It is a living document that is central to American life. The language of the Constitution is not overly restrictive, thus its words have transcended time. The Bill of Rights ensured the passage of the Constitution. Ratified in 1791, the Bill of Rights contains ten amendments that work to protect Americans' personal liberties that many feared would be weakened under the new Constitution. Today, these amendments continue to protect Americans' personal liberties. They are a part of the living Constitution that is constantly interpreted in an effort to maintain framers' principles in an ever-changing society.

### **The Bill of Rights:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment- Freedom of Expression
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment- Right to Bear Arms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment- Quartering of Troops
- 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment- Unreasonable Search and Seizures
- 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment- Due Process of Law
- 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment- Right to a Fair Trial
- 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment- Trial by Jury
- 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment- Cruel and Unusual Punishment
- 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment- Unenumerated Rights
- 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment- States' Rights

**Your Task:** You will create a poster/ collage describing one of the first ten amendments to the Constitution to inform your classmates about its meaning and importance in early America and today.

### **Your Poster/ Collage Must Include the Following Information:**

- ❖ The main heading of the amendment (States' Rights, Trial by Jury, etc)
- ❖ A collection of pictures (no less than 10) expressing the meaning of the amendment as well as how the amendment has been violated or challenged
- ❖ (on the back) A short interpretation of why/ how the amendment helps to protect the rights of citizens (1-2 paragraphs).
- ❖ ALL on poster/ paper 11in X 17in

## Bill of Rights Poster Project Rubric

Amendment Basics (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name of amendment is at the top of the poster in big, bold words</li><li>• Text of the amendment is included in the poster</li></ul>
Pictures (10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pictures are representative of the amendment</li><li>• Illustrates the amendment in action or important ideas and concepts to the amendment</li><li>• Pictures are easy to interpret</li></ul>
Neatness and Mechanics (10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing is neat and easy to read</li><li>• Poster is aesthetically pleasing</li><li>• Includes proper mechanics, grammar, and spelling</li></ul>

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_/25

