



Constitutional Amendments Put to the Test

Answer the following questions from the newspaper research completed:

1. What Constitutional Amendments did you find in your research that have been put to the test both in the past century and in recent history?

2. What aspects of life in the 21st century have prompted the government to legislate new policies to protect the civil liberties of citizens of the U.S.?

3. The First Amendment protects a U.S. citizen's freedoms, including freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and the right to petition the government. Do you believe the U.S. Government has placed too many restrictions on your civil liberties, and list some examples.

4. The Fourteenth Amendment defines the rights of citizens. It provides for the protection of life, liberty, and property, due process of the law, and equal protection of the laws. In your opinion, what civil liberties should the U.S. government make to those persons entering the United States who are not born or naturalized citizens? Write one paragraph explaining your position.
