**Bill of Rights in Action**  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Read through the amendments on the handout and use the information there to complete the handout.

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| **Amendment** | **What does this amendment mean to you? Provide an example of it or put it into your own words.**  |
| Amendment I |  |
| Amendment II |  |
| Amendment III |  |
| Amendment IV |  |
| Amendment V |  |
| Amendment VI |  |
| Amendment VIII |  |
| Amendment XIII |  |
| Amendment XV |  |
| Amendment XVIII |  |
| Amendment XIX |  |
| Amendment XXI |  |
| Amendment XXII |  |

Use the information above to determine if the following situations are constitutional (Legal, or allowed, by the US Constitution)

1. I was found guilty of stealing a French fry from off a boy’s tray at lunch. The case was taken to court and I was sentence to death by having my skin cut off of my body.

Is this constitutional? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Students at Seward Middle School hate their new geography teacher. They stage a demonstration outside the school to protest the amount of homework she gives and each student makes a speech expressing his/her reasons for not liking the teacher.

Can they do this? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Students at Seward High School can’t get enough books to read at their local library because the demand for books is so great. Rioting and fighting over books has become such a problem that the President sends out the National Guard to keep the peace. The National Guardsmen need a place to stay and the President says some of them have to stay at your house.

Do you have to let them stay? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Students across the state of Alaska are enraged when the governor signed a law extending the school day to 10 hours a day, 6 days a week, 12 months a year. To voice their anger they burn the Alaskan flag.

Is burning the flag legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The state of Alaska decides to pass a law that requires all students across the state to attend a Christian church meeting once a week. If students don’t go to the meeting, they will be suspended from school and will not graduate from high school.

Can the government pass laws like this? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. A new law is passed by Congress and the President that says guns will no longer be available for sale in the US. All firearms are to be destroyed and all gun manufacturers must stop producing guns of any kind. Any citizen that currently owns a gun must turn it over to the government for complete destruction.

Is this action by Congress and the President constitutional? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. If I’m accused of cheating on Mrs. Liljemark’s history test and I’m taken to court, do I have to answer all the questions the lawyers ask me, even if I think the answer I give might hurt my case? Sh…. I really did cheat.

Do I have to say I did? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. A mother and her adult daughter decide that they are going to vote for president. The daughter will vote Republican, and the mother will vote Democrat.

Can they vote? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I’ve been accused of stealing a history textbook from the classroom (along with a couple thousand dollars from the school safe) and have been put in jail. I’ve been waiting for my trial for 10 years now and when I’m finally given a trial it is a private trial, behind closed doors, with a jury that consists of retired history teachers. The trial is to take place in Juneau even though I was accused to stealing the book and money in Seward. Furthermore, I have no lawyer, and the judge won’t allow me to contact one.

Is this legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Police suspect students at Seward Middle School of possessing illegal drugs and guns. Police have been watching and have targeted a few students and visit the homes of these students one night. They charged in and took backpacks and personal belongings to search. They did not have permission (warrant) from the government to do this. The students did not give permission either.

Is this legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_