

Test Prep

Know the News: First Amendment 101

Read the article, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?

- Ⓐ The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791.
- Ⓑ Some states agreed to ratify the Constitution only if a list of individual rights was added.
- Ⓒ The First Amendment protects some of Americans' most important individual rights, but it has limits.
- Ⓓ The First Amendment is just 45 words long.

2. Which of these freedoms is *not* protected by the First Amendment?

- Ⓐ the right to assemble peacefully
- Ⓑ the right to a free press
- Ⓒ the right to freedom of religion
- Ⓓ the right to a public trial

3. Which of these statements is true?

- Ⓐ The First Amendment was written at the same time as the Constitution.
- Ⓑ The purpose of the First Amendment is to make sure the government doesn't overstep its bounds.
- Ⓒ George Washington wrote the Bill of Rights.
- Ⓓ all of the above

4. Which of the following best describes the overall structure of the article?

- Ⓐ cause and effect
- Ⓑ chronological
- Ⓒ problem and solution
- Ⓓ question and answer

5. Which of the following took place in 1969?

- Ⓐ The Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling regarding students' free speech rights at school.
- Ⓑ The First Amendment began to apply to state governments as well as the federal government.
- Ⓒ The Supreme Court ruled in *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*.
- Ⓓ Connecticut teen Avery Doninger was blocked from serving on her school's student council.

6. Based on context clues, what does *impartial* mean in the following sentence? "Journalists can cover anything they choose and from any viewpoint, whether impartial or intentionally biased."

- Ⓐ incomplete
- Ⓑ neutral
- Ⓒ prejudiced
- Ⓓ uninteresting

7. Which of the following is a key detail that should be included in a summary of the article?

- Ⓐ The Declaration of Independence was mostly a list of complaints about British rule.
- Ⓑ In certain cases, public schools are allowed to censor students' clothing choices and speech.
- Ⓒ The First Amendment, ratified in 1791, protects some of Americans' most important rights.
- Ⓓ Journalists aren't allowed to knowingly print false information about someone.

8. Which of these statements is a fact?

- Ⓐ The First Amendment is the most important part of the Constitution.
- Ⓑ Snapchat shouldn't be allowed to ban users.
- Ⓒ First Amendment rules don't apply to private companies.
- Ⓓ All students should recite the Pledge of Allegiance every morning.

9. The establishment clause relates to which First Amendment right?

- Ⓐ freedom of religion
- Ⓑ freedom of speech
- Ⓒ freedom to petition the government
- Ⓓ freedom to assemble peacefully

10. Public schools are legally allowed to do which of the following?

- Ⓐ make a student recite the Pledge of Allegiance
- Ⓑ insist on reviewing yearbook pages before they're printed
- Ⓒ organize an after-school prayer club
- Ⓓ all of the above