



## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group One

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**First Amendment (part one): Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press [...]**

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## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group One: Possible Answers

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Government Responsibilities	Citizen Responsibilities
<p>Allow citizens to practice the religion of their choice</p> <p>Not arrest people for saying what they believe</p> <p>Allow the media to report on the news even if it makes the government look bad</p>	<p>Not preventing other people from practicing their religion even if it is different from yours</p> <p>Not using their freedom of speech to hurt others or keep others from having freedom of speech</p> <p>Being media literate and considering multiple sources when deciding what is true</p>



## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group Two

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**Fourth Amendment:** The rights of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probably cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group Two: Possible Responses

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<p>To respect people’s property – like homes, cars, and belongings</p> <p>If they need to look through someone’s property or take something as part of identifying wrongdoing, they must follow certain procedures</p> <p>When looking for the evidence they need, they can only look in places they identified in the warrant and take the things listed</p>	<p>To follow state and federal laws</p> <p>To agree to a search if there is the correct paperwork</p> <p>To read the warrant so they know what is being searched, what is being looked for, and why</p> <p>To file a complaint to the correct authority if they think something is wrong with how the search was done</p>



## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group Three

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**Sixth Amendment:** In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed [...] and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

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## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group Three: Possible Responses

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<p>To assemble the trial and jury as described in the amendment</p> <p>To inform a person why they are being charged</p> <p>To give the accused the chance to defend themselves</p> <p>To provide "Assistance of Counsel" to the defendant</p>	<p>To follow state and federal laws</p> <p>To serve on a jury (jury duty) when called</p> <p>To serve as a witness if they have information about a crime someone is being accused of</p> <p>To speak up if they notice someone's rights being ignored</p>



## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group Four

**Directions:** Circle each right that the amendment protects in the text below. Then, brainstorm with your group what responsibilities must exist to uphold this right. Finally, decide which responsibilities belong to the government and which responsibilities belong to U.S. citizens.

First Amendment (part two):  
or the right of the people peaceably to assemble,  
and to petition the Government  
for a redress of grievances.

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## Responsibilities for the Bill of Rights – Group Four: Possible Responses

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Allow people to protest government actions</b></p> <p><b>Establish ways for citizens to tell their representatives what they want done in the government</b></p> <p><b>Representatives should work for the best interest of the citizens who elected them</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Protesting peacefully – not damaging property or hurting people</b></p> <p><b>Contacting representatives to share their beliefs if they disagree with something that is happening</b></p> <p><b>Researching and voting for representatives who will fight for the opinions and policies they believe in</b></p>