

Bill of Rights Scenarios

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Read each Scenario. Explain what right is being violated and identify the amendment which protects that right.

Scenario	Right being Infringed	Amendment
<p>Scenario 1: Gennie, an eighteen year old college student, is arrested for stealing a classmate’s designer sweater and selling it on eBay. When Gennie appears before the judge, she asks for a lawyer to help defend her. The judge tells Gennie that if she is smart enough to be in college, she knows enough to defend herself. Besides, she is not charged with a felony (major crime), so the stakes are not very high.</p>		
<p>Scenario 2: Susette bought a house and spent years restoring it. She loves her home. One day, she gets a notice that the local government is going to take her property in order to turn her land over to a private company. The local government says it can take Susette’s home because the new jobs and tax revenue created by the company will benefit the public.</p>		
<p>Scenario 3: Carolyn is arrested for shoplifting a candy bar from a grocery store. At trial, she is found guilty. The judge decides that the right punishment is to cut off Carolyn’s hands so she will not be able to shoplift again.</p>		
<p>Scenario 4: Congress wants to find ways to cut costs because of the soaring budget deficit (don’t have enough money). Congress passes a law to require American citizens to house US soldiers in their homes during peacetime.</p>		

<p>Scenario 5: Brett's science teacher asks the class to exchange papers to correct last night's homework. Brett refuses to let anyone except the teacher see his homework paper, and is sent to the principal.</p>		
<p>Scenario 6: Concerned about rising crime, lawmakers for the District of Columbia ban all handguns in the city, and require that shot-guns be kept unloaded and/or disassembled.</p>		
<p>Scenario 7: Thirteen year old Marianne is a freshman in high school. She is an honor student and wants to sing in the choir. When she arrives at choir practice, the teacher tells her she must take a drug test if she wants to participate in any extra-curricular activities. Marianne refuses and is kicked out of choir.</p>		
<p>Scenario 8: A man suspected of a violent crime is brought in to the police station. The alleged victim picks him out of a lineup as the man who attacked her. Police inform him that he has the right to refuse to answer questions, but they do not offer to let him speak to a lawyer. After being questioned for two hours, the man admits the crime.</p>		