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The Bill of Rights and Me

What is the Bill of Rights? Well, the Bill of Rights are made up of the first ten amendments. These amendments include the freedom of religion, speech, the press, and assembly with the right to petition as well as our right to bear arms. The Bill of Rights also provides protection from being forced to quarter troops, protection against unreasonable search and seizure, and our right to due process. They give us the right to a speedy trial and trial by jury. Finally, they also protect us by limiting government power by indicating that powers not given to the federal government by the constitution will rest with the States and the people.

To some people the Bill of Rights is just a piece of paper but to me it is much more. I do not feel that the second through ten amendments really affect me or apply to me because I am just a child and have not had any experiences involving breaking the law or going to court and at this point in my life, I am still too young to vote. However, I do believe the first amendment applies to me. The first amendment to me is the most important because as a child it still applies to me. It gives me the right to speak up when something is not right and allows me to have my own beliefs. It allows me to do things like pray in public, go to any church that I wish, and spread the word of God. To me it means that The Bill of Rights allows me to make a difference in my community.

The Bill of Rights allows all of us to have the freedom to believe and speak our minds. I am most grateful for the First Amendment that gives me the freedom to practice my faith and speak my mind.