

The Bill of Rights and Me

What does the Bill of Rights mean to me? Sometimes, childhood clouds my judgement, but the Bill of Rights still plays an important part in my life. Specifically, the First and Ninth Amendments are crucial in my daily life as a citizen because I practice these as a citizen of the United States.

The first amendment states our five basic freedoms: Freedom of speech, religion, and press, as well as the right to petition and assembly. Amazingly, freedom of speech and religion start at a young age. I use freedom of speech everyday while doing things from explaining an answer in math to debating a topic history. I also exercise the freedom of religion. The freedom of religion allows me to worship under my own spiritual beliefs. I am Baptist; however, I do worship at the Highlands with my friends. Thankfully this freedom allows me such choices.

Not only do I exercise the First Amendment daily, I also enjoy my freedoms regarding the Ninth Amendment. The Ninth Amendment, people's rights, are some I unknowingly forget. These rights are free to use as long as they are not a disturbance to the citizens or the law. Basically, these rights limit the power of the government to control one's life. As a citizen I am able to travel within the United States of America. Although I was born in Michigan, I could freely move to Alabama when I was 6 years old. In the Summer and holidays, my family and I are able to travel to Tennessee, Florida, Indiana, California, and within Alabama. Without these rights, my time with family would be limited.

What does the Bill of Rights mean to me? Freedom and Decision making are the first things that come to mind. I am free to voice my opinion, worship, attend school, and to someday vote. As a 12-year-old, it is expected of me to make good decisions that will not harm me or others. In conclusion, the Bill of Rights play an important role in my everyday life.