

AP U.S. Government: *The 27 Amendments*

Directions: Next to each blank is a summary of one of the 27 amendments to the *Constitution of the United States*. They are scrambled. Write the number of the amendment in each blank and memorize all of them. You will not turn in this paper, but be prepared for a quiz on day one.

___ a person born in the United States is a citizen and all citizens have equal protection under the law; no state may deprive a citizen of life, liberty, or property without due process

___ the right to remain silent and protection from self-incrimination; protection from double jeopardy; just compensation for the loss of private property for public use (“eminent domain”); the federal government may not deprive a person of life, liberty, or property without due process

___ U.S. presidents are limited to two elected terms

___ U.S. soldiers cannot force you to let them live in your home

___ individual states may not set the voting age above the age of eighteen

___ protection from excessive bail and cruel and unusual punishment

___ suffrage shall not be denied on account of gender

___ a state may not be sued in federal court by a citizen in another state or another country

___ Congress has the power to collect federal income taxes from people in the United States

___ the production and distribution of alcoholic beverages is prohibited

___ Americans have the right to bear arms

___ It is possible that U.S. citizens will enjoy more freedoms in the future than just those listed in the Bill of Rights because new issues that have not yet been considered will arise over time

___ pay raises for members of Congress cannot take effect until after the next congressional election

___ slavery is illegal in the United States

___ the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury; the right to be informed of your crime (writ of habeas corpus); the right to an attorney

___ poll taxes for the purpose of voting are illegal

___ freedoms of speech, religion, press, assembly; the right to petition the government

___ alcoholic beverages may be produced, distributed, and consumed in the United States

___ electors from each state will meet in their respective state capital to vote for the president of the United States after the general election; the president of the Senate will count these ballots in the U.S. Capitol building in a joint session of Congress to certify the winner

___ protection from unreasonable search and seizure

___ Washington, DC, shall have the same number of electors as the least-populated state

___ suffrage shall not be denied on account of race

___ the vice president shall assume the duties of president if the latter is unable to perform them

___ all federal civil cases involving more than \$20 shall be decided by a jury unless both parties agree to let a judge decide

___ U.S. senators are to be elected by state electorates, not state legislatures

___ all powers not given directly to the federal government nor denied the states by the *Constitution* belong to the states

___ the president's and vice president's terms begin on January 20th; Congress shall meet at least once every year and convene on January 3rd