

Civil Liberties & Civil Rights Homework Questions

1. What is the difference between civil liberties and civil rights?
2. Evaluate the current relationship between church and state as determined by the Supreme Court and the U.S. Constitution.
3. What is your position on free speech? What limits (if any) do you think there should be and why?
4. Do you agree with the limits (and opportunities) supplied to students by the Tinker decision? Why or why not?
5. Should the government be able to censor the press for national security purposes? If so, how? If not, why not?
6. Evaluate the doctrine of selective incorporation.
7. Has the 4th Amendment been successful? Why or why not?
8. Evaluate the protections of the 5th and 6th amendments for those suspected and/or accused of a crime.
9. Do you believe our system of cash bail needs to be reformed? If so, how? If not, why not?
10. Do you agree with the definition of citizenship found in the 14th amendment? If so, why? If not, how would you change it and why?
11. Evaluate the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment.
12. Do you think there is a right to privacy implied in the Constitution? If yes, how and why? If not, should there be? Why or why not?