

BILL OF RIGHTS PODCAST

Students will create an enhanced podcast (audio with images) that tells about one of the liberties and rights given to us through the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments). In order to complete this assignment, students must create a podcast that will be published discussing what their selected amendment is, why it is important and how we experience it in our everyday life. Students should consider including examples from history, why the founders decided to include this in the Bill of Rights and perhaps talk about what life would be like without this right.

In order to complete this project, students will need to:

- Research their topic
- Write a script to be read dramatically
- Locate appropriate images that enhance their podcast

Due to the timing of this project, students will need to work independently and with little direction in the creation of the podcast.

Student projects will be assessed on:

- Content. Are the facts accurate and relevant? Is it good information? Is there historical accuracy?
- Audio. Is the vocal audio clear and interesting? Is the script read dramatically?
- Images. Do the images fit the narration? Are they clear and sharp?
- Sound effects. Is there background music? Is there an introduction? Are other sounds used? Do the sound effects enhance or detract from the podcast?

Topics. Students may choose from the following topics:

- 1st Amendment: Freedom of religion, speech, petition, assemble and press
- 2nd Amendment: right to bear arms
- 3rd Amendment: Quartering Soldiers
- 4th Amendment: Unlawful search and seizure
- 5th Amendment: Guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, not required to be a witness against yourself
- 6th Amendment: Right to a fair and speedy trial
- 7th Amendment: Right to a civil trial
- 8th Amendment: Cruel and unusual punishment
- 9th Amendment: Peoples other rights
- 10th Amendment: States other rights

Due date: End of class on Monday, January 25th.