

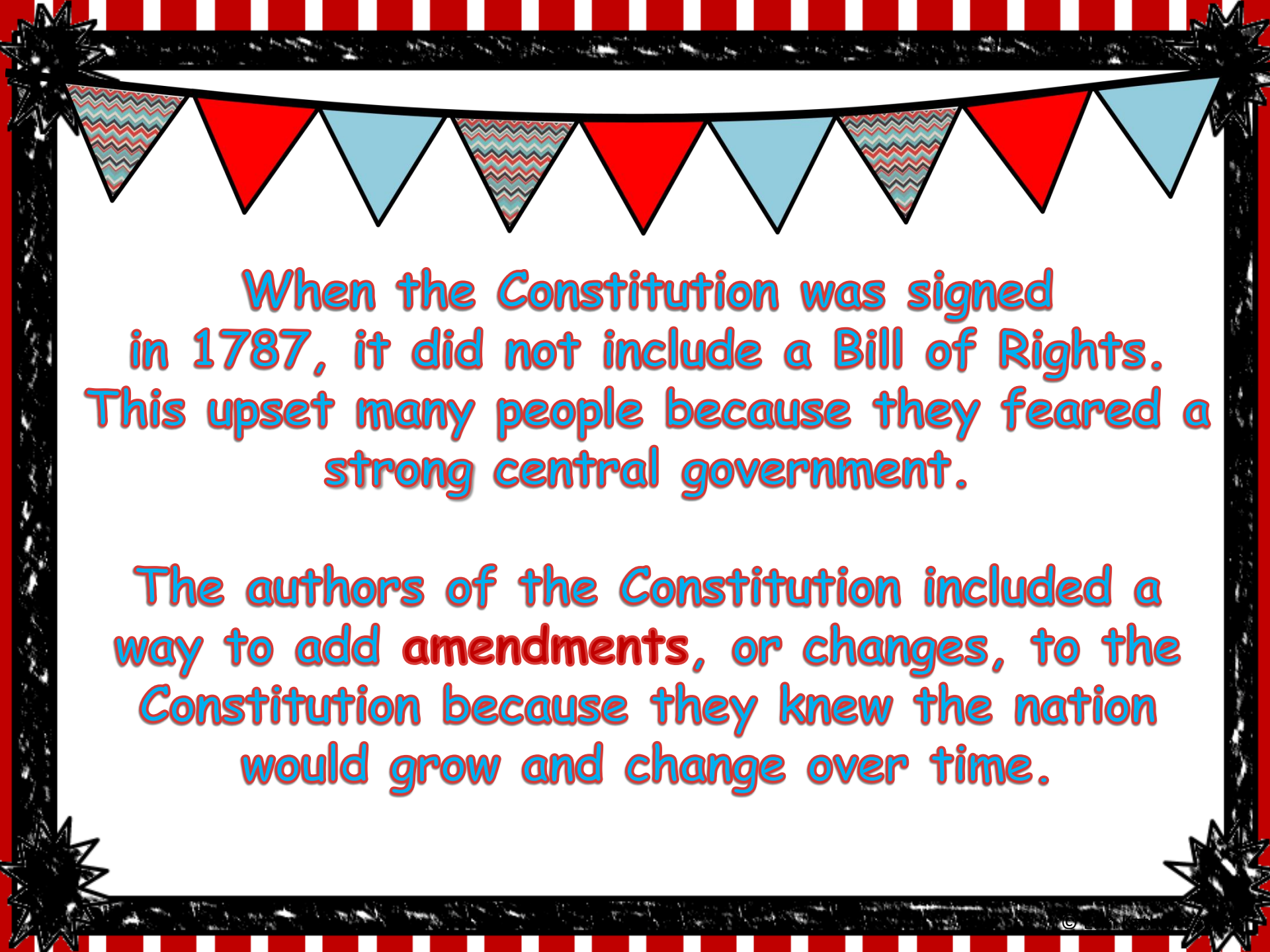
# Bill Of Rights





# What is the Bill Of Rights?

**The Bill of Rights is a list of the rights of each individual person in the United States.**



When the Constitution was signed in 1787, it did not include a Bill of Rights. This upset many people because they feared a strong central government.

The authors of the Constitution included a way to add **amendments**, or changes, to the Constitution because they knew the nation would grow and change over time.

# 1791

People wanted to be sure that a strong federal government would still recognize the rights of each individual citizen.

In 1791, James Madison wrote amendments that listed all of the rights that were to be protected for each individual. This limited the power of the federal government because they are rights that the government can never take away.

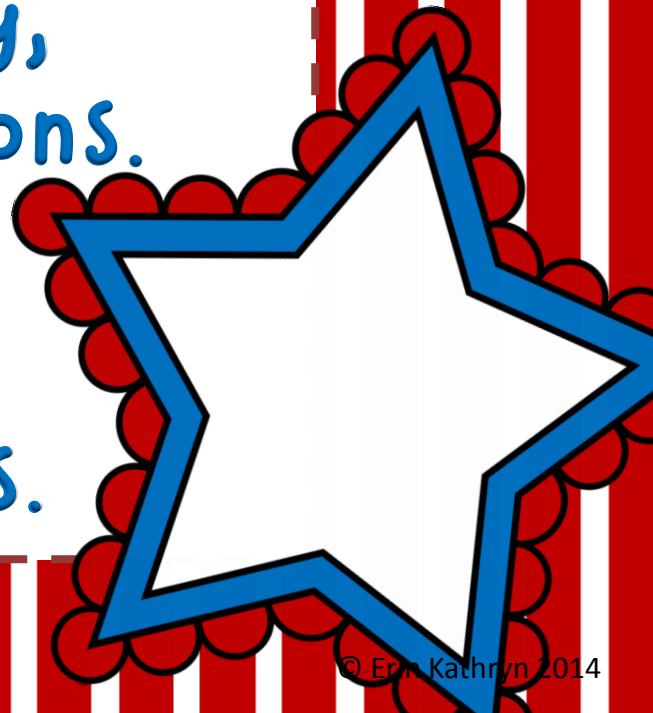
The 10 amendments, known as the **Bill of Rights**, were ratified, or accepted.

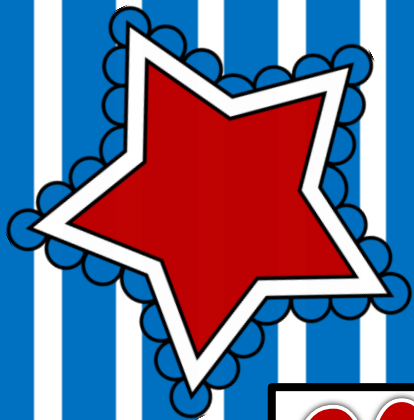
# FIRST AMENDMENT

The government cannot support any religion over another.

Citizens can practice any religion they choose. People can say, write, or publish their opinions.

Citizens are free to come together and ask the government to make changes.



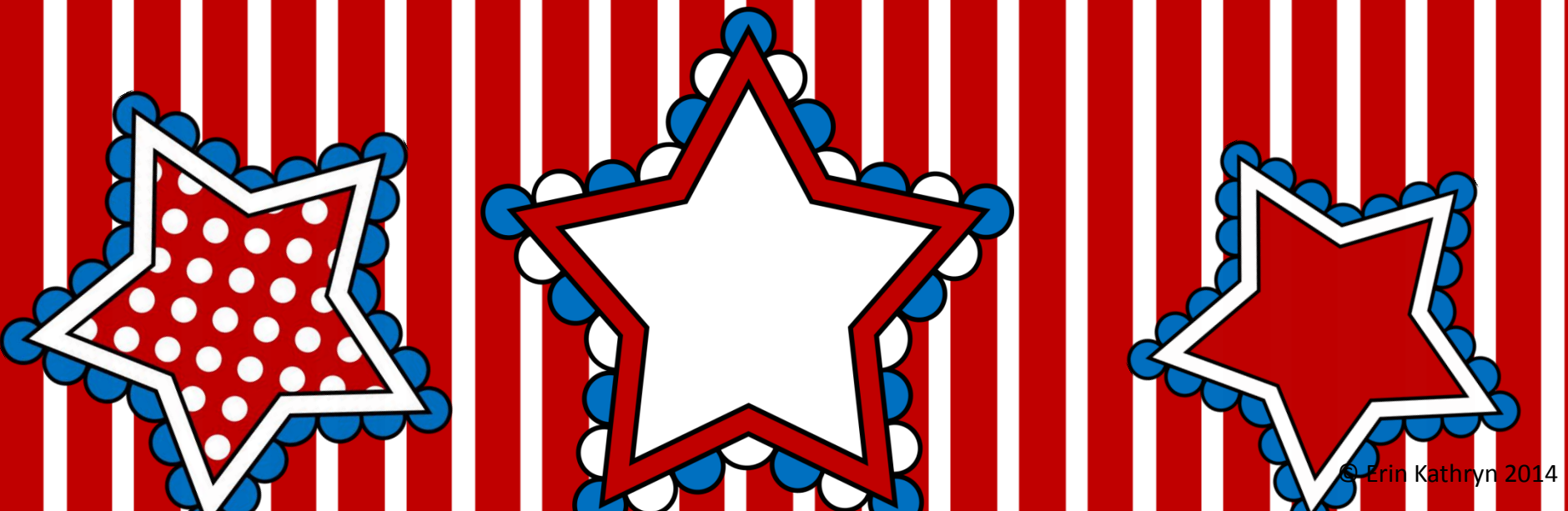


# SECOND AMENDMENT

People have the right to own weapons because they may have to fight to protect their country.

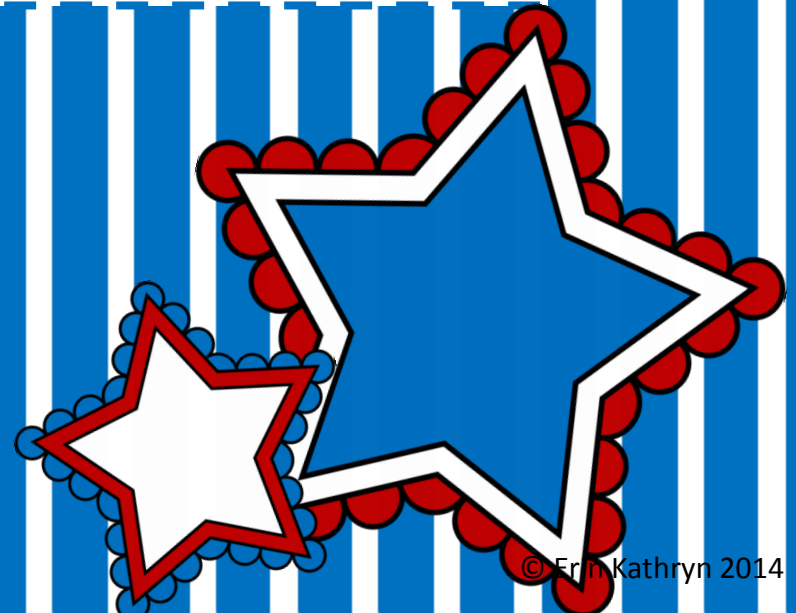
# Third Amendment

Citizens do not have to allow  
soldiers to live in their homes.

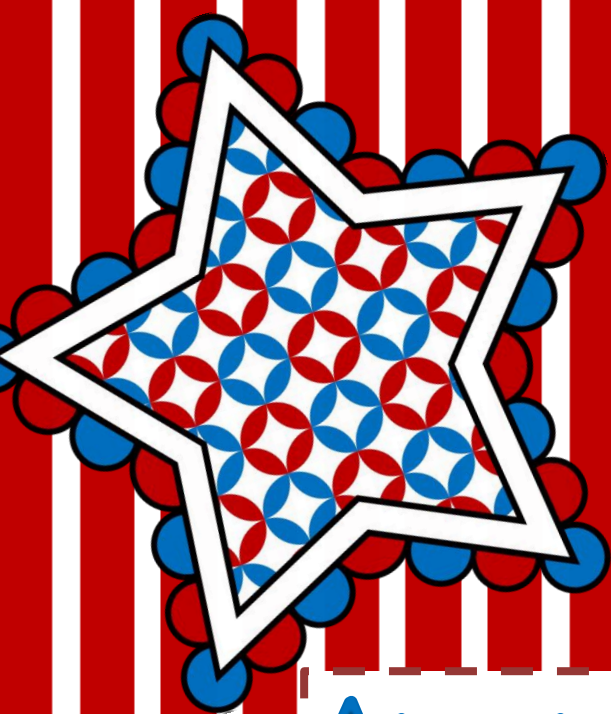


# FOURth AMENDMENT

Police cannot search people, their homes, or their belongings without justifiable reason.







# Fifth AMENDMENT

Anyone who commits a crime have the right to a fair trial. They cannot be tried more than one time for the same crime.

# SIXTH AMENDMENT

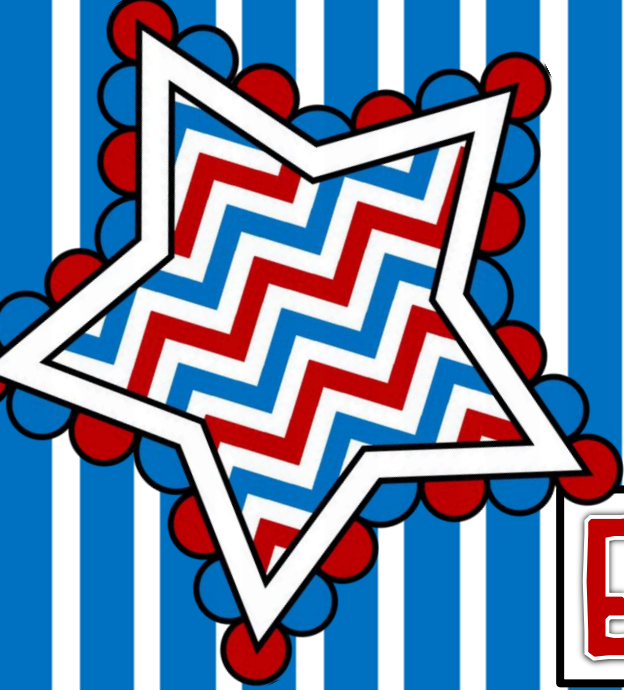
If you are accused of committing a crime, you have the right to a trial by jury, a lawyer, to be told what crime you are being accused of, and to question witnesses.



# SEVENTH AMENDMENT

If two people have a disagreement over something worth more than \$20, they have the right to trial by jury.





## Eighth AMENDMENT

If you are accused of committing a crime, you can remain out of jail until your trial, if you pay bail. Courts cannot make bail too high.

# Ninth AMENDMENT

People have rights in addition to the rights stated in the Constitution.



# Tenth AMENDMENT

Any powers not given to the federal government belong to the citizens or the states.

