Constitution USA: It’s a Free Country Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Political Science

As you watch this video, keep in mind the following essential concepts:

* Governments evolve just like people grow.
* The interpretation of America’s founding documents has defined and redefined our rights over time.
* The personal values of people can motivate their political interests.
* Essential documents lay the foundation for government.

*Segment 1: Know Your Rights!*

1. Who is the Bill of Rights supposed to be protecting us from? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why was a Bill of Rights not originally in the Constitution?
3. How free are we?

*Segment 2: Protesting at Funerals - 1st Amendment Put to the Test*

1. Why did the soldier’s father sue the Westboro Baptist Church? What rights were in conflict? What was the Supreme Court Decision? What was the final outcome – did the father of the Marine ultimately win?
2. What is sedition and when was it made illegal in the U.S.?
3. Give an example of protected speech and unprotected speech according to how the courts have interpreted the 1st Amendment over the course of history.
4. What is the remedy to offensive speech according to Louis Brandeis?

*Segment 3: Right to a Fair Trial*

1. Who ensures our rights are protected? What did Gideon have to do to ensure his 6th amendment right?
2. Why would someone need a lawyer and what is the responsibility of a court appointed lawyer?

*Segment 4: Battles of School Prayer*

1. What are the two parts of the 1st amendment regarding religion?
2. How did each side feel about the removal of the prayer poster from the school wall?
3. What is meant by the wall of separation and why does the video advocate for the minority opinion in this case?

*Segment 5: Eminent Domain – How Can you Take My House?*

1. What conditions must be met in order for the government to use eminent domain? Where is this stated in the Constitution?
2. Who was supposed to benefit from the government taking that land and how? Was the majority or minority protected in this case?

*Segment 6: Rights are Changing?*

1. Why has the interpretation of our rights changed over time?

*Segment 7: Privacy*

1. Under what conditions can you be searched without a warrant?
2. Give examples of how people can dig into your privacy. Do we have a reasonable expectation of privacy online?
3. America isn’t perfect:
   1. Sometimes you have to fight to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. Sometimes our rights\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_when we don’t see eye to eye.
  2. Through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_we can make our country better.