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## *Supreme Decision:* **The Bill of Rights and YOU!**

### Directions:

1. Read the description of each case.
2. Use what you know about the court system to evaluate each case and decide how each case affects you.
3. Then, write which amendment(s) of the Bill of Rights is associated with each case.

<b>CASE</b>	<b>IT AFFECTS YOU!</b>	<b>RELATED AMENDMENT</b>
<b>Texas v. Johnson</b> (1989)  Said that it's unconstitutional for the government to punish people for burning the American flag as a demonstration (protest).	<i>If it weren't for this case and I wanted to hold a demonstration in protest of my government, then:</i>	
<b>Tinker v. Des Moines</b> (1969)  Said it's unconstitutional to deny students the right to free speech at school, unless the students' speech disrupts school activities.	<i>If it weren't for this case, things might be different at school because:</i>	
<b>District of Columbia v. Heller</b> (2008)  Said it's constitutional for individuals to possess firearms, and to use those firearms for lawful purposes, such as self-defense against an intruder in the home.	<i>If it weren't for this case and I used a gun in my home for self defense, then:</i>	
<b>New Jersey v. TLO</b> (1985)  Said it's unconstitutional for principals and teachers to search students and their belongings, unless there is a good reason (like safety and discipline) and the search doesn't go too far.	<i>If it weren't for this case and a teacher decided to go through everyone's backpack without a reason, then:</i>	
<b>Mapp v. Ohio</b> (1961)  Said that evidence obtained through an unreasonable search or seizure cannot be used in criminal proceedings.	<i>If it weren't for this case and the police searched my belongings without a warrant, then:</i>	

<p><b>Miranda v. Arizona</b> (1966)</p> <p>Said that law enforcement officials are required to advise suspects of crimes of their right to remain silent and to obtain an attorney.</p>	<p><i>If it weren't for this case and I accidentally said something I didn't mean to say while in police custody, then:</i></p>	
<p><b>Scott v. Sanford</b> (1857)</p> <p>Said that an African-American slave could not sue his owner for his freedom because he was considered property and it was unconstitutional for a slave owner to be deprived of his property.</p>	<p><i>If this case was still the law (it's not), then:</i></p>	
<p><b>Plessy v. Ferguson</b> (1896)</p> <p>Said it was constitutional for places like schools, buses and restaurants to keep people of different races apart, as long as the services offered were "equal." For example, it was okay to make black and white people use different restrooms based on the color of their skin.</p>	<p><i>If this case was still the law (it's not), then the government could require me to:</i></p>	
<p><b>Meyer v. Nebraska</b> (1923)</p> <p>Said it's unconstitutional for a state to ban the teaching of foreign languages.</p>	<p><i>If it weren't for this case, I might not have the choice to:</i></p>	
<p><b>Brown v. Board of Education</b> (1954)</p> <p>Overruled Plessy by saying it's unconstitutional for the government to require students of different races to go to different schools. The Court said separate schools for students of different races are not equal.</p>	<p><i>If it weren't for this case, then:</i></p>	

<p><b>Gideon v. Wainright (1963)</b></p> <p>Said that people accused of a crime must be given a lawyer even if they cannot afford one. It's unconstitutional to deny them a lawyer just because they are poor.</p>	<p><i>If it weren't for this case and I got accused of a crime, I might have a problem because:</i></p>	
<p><b>Trop v. Dulles (1958)</b></p> <p>Said that it was unconstitutional for the government to take away the citizenship of a U.S. citizen as a punishment.</p>	<p><i>If it weren't for this case, the government could:</i></p>	
<p><b>Miller v. Alabama (2012)</b></p> <p>Said that it was unconstitutional for the government to sentence juvenile offenders to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.</p>	<p><i>If it weren't for this case, the government could:</i></p>	
<p><b>Roe v. Wade (1973)</b></p> <p>Said that it was unconstitutional for state governments to make it a crime to assist a woman in getting an abortion.</p>	<p><i>If it weren't for this case, a woman:</i></p>	