

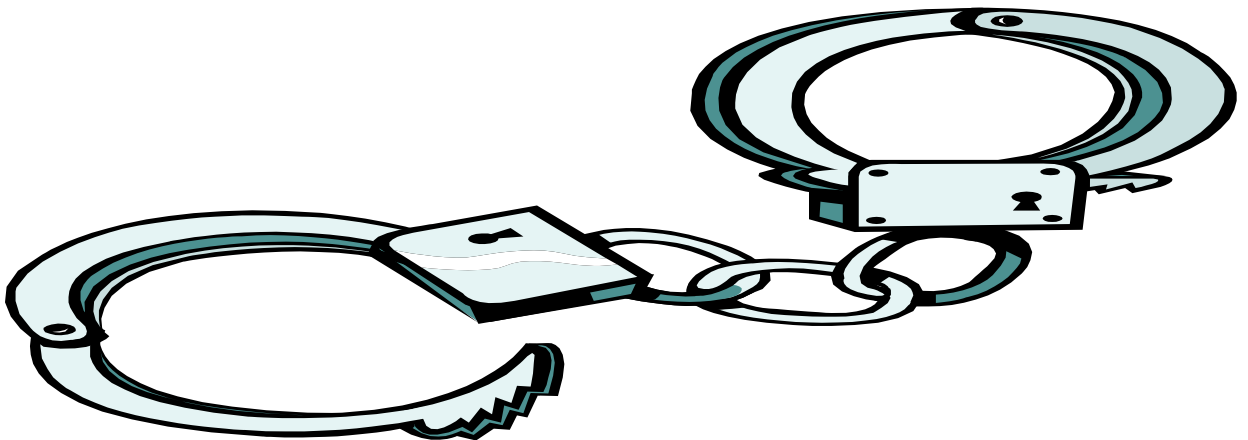
# Check List

Student exhibits that he/she has grasp an understanding for what law is \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Student infers that he/she understands the importance of laws in a society \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Student displayed he/she has a base understanding of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Student clearly expresses personal point of view in short and long response criteria  
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# PRETEST/POST-TEST



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who do laws protect?
  - a. individuals
  - b. institutions
  - c. animals
  - d. all above
  
2. Laws are based on which of the two?
  - a. morals and ethics
  - b. the dominating culture and wealth
  - c. the executive branch and judicial branch
  - d. none of the above
  
3. Consider the scenario of a rapper being sued for his/her suggestive (implied) lyrics on a radio appropriate version song by a concerned parent. What document or institution would provide legal grounds for his/her lyrics being acceptable?
  - a. Bill of Rights
  - b. church
  - c. US Supreme Court
  - d. his/her record contract

4. Why are laws important to a democratic society? ( Extended Response)
5. What are the benefits and disadvantages of having laws? (Short Response)
6. Compare and contrast the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. (Extended Response)
7. List four rights that the Bill of Rights provides for individual citizens. (Short Response)
8. Which of the following is not one of the three branches of the United States Government?
  - a. Judicial
  - b. U.S. Supreme Court
  - c. Executive
  - d. Legislative
9. The United States Constitution is a document used for interpretation of the law by which individuals?
  - a. the nine justices of the US Supreme Court
  - b. lawyers
  - c. judges
  - d. all of the above
10. According to the Executive Branch the president is
  - a. the head governing body of the United States
  - b. only granted powers allowed by Congress
  - c. is to have the final word in all legal proceedings
  - d. none of the above



# ANSWER KEY

## PRE/POST-TEST

1. D
2. A
3. A
4. Acceptable answers are as follows:
  - maintain order
  - able to distribute powers
  - allow for enforcement of laws
  - provide protection
  - provide rights and powers for any citizens to fight for rights
  - establish court systems
5. ***Benefits***  
protection  
provide individual
- Disadvantages***  
can not do anything one wants;  
set limits
6. Possible suitable answers
  - both are used to interpret the law
  - both provide base rights to individuals
  - Bill of Rights only consist of 10 amendments
  - US Constitution is the document of the land
  - US Constitution set standards for all laws
7. Possible suitable answers
  - protects free speech
  - protects right to a speedy and public trial
  - protects right to bare arms
  - protects individual citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures
8. B
9. D
10. A

