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| Amendment | Explanation | Amendment | Explanation | Amendment | Explanation |
| 1st Amendment | Freedom of religion, speech, petition, and assembly. | 10th Amendment | Reserved powers to the states. | 19th Amendment | Women have the right to vote. |
| 2nd Amendment | Right to bear arms. | 11th Amendment | States are protected from being sued by citizens of another state. | 20th Amendment | President and vice president's term of office begins on January 20th, and no longer in March. |
| 3rd Amendment | No quartering of soldiers. | 12th Amendment | Separated balloting procedures for president and vice president (they are a team). | 21st Amendment | Repeal of Prohibition. |
| 4th Amendment | Protection against illegal search and seizure. | 13th Amendment | Abolition of slavery. | 22nd Amendment | President is limited to two (2) terms. |
| 5th Amendment | Protection against self-incrimination, double-jeopardy. Protection of due process and the right to a grand jury. | 14th Amendment | Granted former slaves citizenship and equal protection, established principle of selective incorporation. | 23rd Amendment | D.C. is given presidential electors. |
| 6th Amendment | Right to a speedy and public trial, impartial jury, and right to counsel. | 15th Amendment | African American men could vote. | 24th Amendment | Poll tax is illegal. |
| 7th Amendment | Right to a trial by jury in common-law cases. | 16th Amendment | Established federal income tax. | 25th Amendment | Established the vice president as the successor if the president is unable to serve. The president can nominate a vice president if there is a vacancy. |
| 8th Amendment | Protection against cruel and unusual punishment. No excessive bail imposed. | 17th Amendment | Direct election of US Senators. | 26th Amendment | 18-year-olds have the right to vote. |
| 9th Amendment | The enumeration of rights in the Constitution won't be used against the people. | 18th Amendment | Prohibition | 27th Amendment | Congressional pay raises will only take effect after the next election. |