

# FIRED UP *for* FREEDOM!

## CIVIL LIBERTIES TRIVIA QUIZ

**1** Which author's books were banned most often from public schools in the U.S. during the 2024–25 academic year?

- A Toni Morrison
- B Judy Blume
- C J.K. Rowling
- D Stephen King

**3** What year did the first same-sex couple apply for a marriage license in the United States?

- A 1954
- B 1968
- C 1970
- D 1975

**5** In 1938, the ACLU of Massachusetts helped defend Life magazine in a controversy over the publication of:

- A Paparazzi photos of a famous actress.
- B Photos showing the birth of a baby.
- C An essay from a woman defending her decision not to marry.
- D An article about effective methods of birth control.

**7** When did women get the right to vote across the United States?

Bonus question: Which constitutional amendment granted this right?

- A 1898
- B 1914
- C 1920
- D 1927

**9** What form of student protest triggered the landmark case *Tinker v. Des Moines*, which led to a Supreme Court ruling that students do not “shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate?”

- A Students burning the American flag at their high school.
- B An article about same-sex couples in a student newspaper.
- C “Dirty dancing” at the prom in defiance of a principal’s order.
- D Students wearing black armbands to protest the Vietnam War.

**2** Which state Constitution contained the groundbreaking language that inspired key elements of the U.S. Constitution?

- A Massachusetts
- B Virginia
- C Maryland
- D Delaware

**4** Where is the original copy of the Constitution located?

- A National Archives Museum, Washington, D.C.
- B Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- C USS Constitution Museum, Boston, Massachusetts
- D Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C.

**6** Which of these rights is not explicitly listed in the Bill of Rights?

- A A defendant can’t be put on trial twice for the same crime.
- B Courts cannot impose excessive bail requirements.
- C Authorities need probable cause to search a person or home.
- D People have the right to travel freely between states.

**8** Which case famously established the right to counsel for criminal defendants in state courts?

- A Gideon v. Wainwright
- B Miranda v. Arizona
- C Powell v. Alabama
- D Escobedo v. Illinois

**10** The free speech case *Smith v. Collin* was precipitated when a group of neo-Nazis sought to:

- A March through a predominantly Jewish community
- B Organize an Aryan-only Boy Scout troop
- C Hand out literature at a parade
- D Name their children after Nazi generals

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**11** In 1954, the Supreme Court overturned the doctrine of “separate but equal” and mandated the desegregation of schools in what case?

- A Brown v. Board of Education
- B Green v. County School Board of New Kent County
- C Plessy v. Ferguson
- D Bolling v. Sharpe

**13** A scandalous Broadway play that helped establish the ACLU's reputation in 1936 for fighting censorship in literature and art involved a plot about:

- A Access to birth control
- B The women's suffrage movement
- C Evolution
- D A rumored relationship between two women

**15** In *Abington School District v. Schempp*, the Supreme Court ruled that a Pennsylvania law requiring public schools to begin each school day with a reading from the Bible violated what amendment?

- A Second Amendment
- B 14th Amendment
- C Eighth Amendment
- D First Amendment

**17** The 14th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees citizenship to all people born in the United States. It also guarantees due process and equal protection of the laws. The amendment has some less well-known provisions as well. Which of these is also part of the 14th Amendment?

- A Any former office holder who took an oath to support the Constitution, then engaged in insurrection against the U.S., is disqualified from future state or federal office.
- B Congress has the power to levy income taxes.
- C The Electoral College determines the presidency and vice presidency.
- D Only native-born citizens can serve as president.

**12** Which of the following cities has not been a capital of the United States?

- A York, Pennsylvania
- B New York City, New York
- C Annapolis, Maryland
- D Boston, Massachusetts

**14** What did the Virginia Racial Integrity Act of 1924 ban?

- A Integrated public schools
- B Interracial marriages
- C Interracial adoptions
- D Black individuals holding elected office in the state

**16** The landmark case of *Griswold v. Connecticut* granted married couples access to what?

- A Contraception
- B International adoption
- C No-fault divorce
- D Joint tax returns

**18** Who said, “This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.”

- A Ben Franklin
- B Thurgood Marshall
- C Ketanji Brown Jackson
- D John Quincy Adams

