

## **How does the Constitution preserve our freedom and why is it important to me?**

The Constitution of the United States of America, signed September 17, 1787, preserves our right in many different ways. One of those ways is the Amendments. Specifically the 1st, 8th, 10th, 14th, 24th, and 26th. Those Amendments protect our freedom of speech and religion, prevents police from charging us with excessive fines and punishing us in unusual ways, keeps rights reserved to states and people, grants citizenship to all people born or naturalized in the United States and provides people with equal protection, prevents the government from taxing us during elections, and gives us the right to vote at age eighteen.

If the Constitution didn't protect our rights, I feel like life would be much worse and a lot harder. Lots of people would go into debt and be charged with way more crimes than usual. There also might be more wars because of disagreement over religion. Many people, such as African Americans, might have their rights taken away from them.

My rights are important to me because they guarantee safety and liberties. For example I am confident that when I am 18, I will be able to vote. It also protects my friends and family. That I am very grateful for because I would be so sad without them. When I am older, knowing my rights will be very important to me because it will make me feel at ease if I get in an engagement with law enforcement. My rights are also a necessary mean of protection.

The Constitution protects all United States citizens and grants them citizenship no matter their race, age, or gender. It protects our right to vote, prevents the police from doing certain things like taxing us during elections, and provides people with equal protection. It means so much to me and I'm quite glad that it was written.

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