



Worksheet 3 - The Significance of Amendments 9 and 10

Read the Amendments carefully and answer the four questions.

Original wording of Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Modern-day wording of Amendment 9

Just because these rights are listed in the Constitution doesn't mean that you don't have other rights too.

1. How was Amendment 9 meant to 'future-proof' the Bill of Rights?

2. How does Amendment 9 increase the power of the Supreme Court?

Original wording of Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

Modern-day wording of Amendment 10

Anything that the Constitution doesn't say that Congress can do, is left up to the states and to the people.

1. Whose powers are restricted by Amendment 10?

2. How does Amendment 10 support some of the fundamental concepts and principles that the Founding Fathers built the Constitution on?
