



Worksheet 5 – For and Against the Bill of Rights

Read each statement and decide whether they are for or against the statement, 'The Bill of Rights is fundamental in protecting the rights of American citizens' by placing a ✓ in the correct column.

Statement	For	Against
Amendment 9 allows the Bill of Rights to protect freedoms the Founding Fathers could never have envisaged 230+ years ago.		
Some groups have been and still are denied rights, e.g. black Americans, LGBT groups.		
The Bill of Rights gives too much power to the unelected Supreme Court to interpret and invent rights, and rule on the actions of federal and state governments. The view of the Supreme Court is not constant on this, as the make-up of the Court changes.		
Amendment 10 re-states the basic concept that the power of the federal government is limited whereas the rights of the people are not.		
Most Americans can name their First Amendment rights and are fiercely loyal to the protection of them.		
Some of the first Ten Amendments are no longer relevant to the modern world.		
The Bill of Rights is a forceful statement of liberal ideas about citizenship and limited power.		
Upholding the rights in the Second Amendment has made America more unsafe.		
Civil rights have not been as well protected by the Supreme Court as civil liberties because they are more controversial (e.g. apply to certain groups rather than everyone).		
The Bill of Rights guarantees protections for minorities from 'the tyranny of the majority'.		