The United States Constitution has endured for over two hundred years as the supreme law of our land. It is a living document that is central to American life. The Bill of Rights ensured the passage of the Constitution. Ratified in 1791, the Bill of Rights contains ten amendments that work to protect Americans’ personal liberties that many feared would be weakened under the new Constitution. Today, these amendments continue to protect Americans’ personal liberties.

Your Task: Create a poster, describing one of the Amendments to the Constitution, to inform your classmates about its meaning and importance to early America and today. Choose one of the amendments listed below:

4th Amendment- Unreasonable Search and Seizures (key term: warrant)  
Court Cases:  Terry v. Ohio or New Jersey v. T.L.O.

5th Amendment- Rights of the Accused (key term: due process)  
Court Case:  Miranda v. Arizona

6th Amendment- Right to a Fair Trial (key terms: attorney)  
Court Case:  Gideon v. Wainwright

8th Amendment- Cruel and Unusual Punishment (key term: bail)  
Court Case:  Roper v. Simmons

Your Poster Must Include the Following Information:

- The name of the amendment in big, bold letters
- The actual text of the amendment
- A paragraph description (in your own words) of the history and meaning of the amendment (4-8 sentences typed/written in ink).
- A paragraph description (in your own words) of how the Supreme Court case relates/applies to the amendment (3-6 sentences typed/written in ink)
- A hand-drawn, colored illustration (school appropriate) showing the amendment in action
## Bill of Rights Poster Project Rubric

| Amendment Basics (2 points) | • Name of amendment is at the top of the poster in big, bold words (1 pt.)  
|                           | • Entire text of the amendment is included in the poster (1 pt.) |
| Description of the Amendment (5 points) | • Explains the historical background of the amendment and why its provisions were included in the constitution (2 pts.)  
|                                           | • Completely analyzes the meaning of the amendment and the phrases and words within it (2 pts.)  
|                                           | • Includes key term(s) within description (1 pt.) |
| Supreme Court Case (5 points) | • Uses correct Supreme Court case that challenged the meaning of the amendment or its application in modern society (1 pt.)  
|                               | • Includes name and year of the case (1 pt.)  
|                               | • Accurately explains some background details of the case (2 pts.)  
|                               | • Accurately explains the Court’s decision and its reasoning (1 pt.) |
| Original Picture (4 points) | • Picture is original (created by you) and large enough to be easily seen (1 pt.)  
|                               | • Illustrates the amendment in action or important ideas and concepts to the amendment (1 pt.)  
|                               | • Picture is accurate (1 pt.)  
|                               | • Picture is colored (1 pt.) |
| Neatness and Mechanics (4 points) | • Poster is neatly done – typed or written in ink (1 pt.)  
|                                 | • Poster is well-organized (section titles) and fills the entire space (2 pts.)  
|                                 | • Descriptions mostly use correct mechanics, grammar, and spelling (1 pt.) |

Total:_______/20