

**BILL OF RIGHTS SCENARIOS**  
**APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE**  
SS.7.C.2.4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Use your understanding of the rights protected in the Bill of Rights to answer questions about the following scenarios. For each scenario, identify the right that has been violated and the amendment from the Bill of Rights that protects the right.

**SCENARIO ONE**

In a political demonstration during the Republican National Convention in Texas in 1989, Gregory Lee Johnson soaked an American flag with gasoline and set it on fire. He was burning the flag in protest of the policies of President Ronald Reagan and of certain businesses in Dallas, Texas. No one was hurt, but some witnesses said they were seriously offended, and Johnson was arrested and charged with breaking the law.

What right of Mr. Johnson has been violated?	
What Amendment in the Bill of Rights protects this right?	

**SCENARIO TWO**

In 1961, a California law made it a crime for a person to be addicted to drugs and required a minimum sentence of 90 days in jail if a person is charged with the crime. Lawrence Robinson was convicted under this law and was sentenced to at least 90 days in jail. Robinson claimed that the 90 day jail sentence was cruel and unusual punishment.

What right of Mr. Robinson has been violated?	
What Amendment in the Bill of Rights protects this right?	

**SCENARIO THREE**

A man named Parker was arrested and put on trial for murder in Oregon in 1966. During the trial, the bailiff who was assigned to watch over the jury, made statements about Parker to some of the jurors. Some jurors overheard him say: "Oh, that wicked fellow, he is guilty," and to another juror, "If there is anything wrong [in finding him guilty] the Supreme Court will correct it." Parker was found guilty of murder by ten votes of a 12 person jury. Parker argued that the bailiff's comments prevented him from a fair trial.

What right of Parker has been violated?	
What Amendment in the Bill of Rights protects this right?	

**SCENARIO FOUR**

In 1959, William Malloy was arrested for gambling by the police in Hartford, Connecticut. After pleading guilty, he was sentenced to one year in jail and fined \$500. After three months into his jail sentence, Malloy was placed on two years probation. While Malloy was still on probation, a Connecticut Superior Court ordered Malloy to testify about gambling and other criminal activities in Hartford County. When Malloy refused, on the grounds that it might incriminate him on other charges, he was put in jail and held until he was willing to answer questions.

What right has been violated?	
What Amendment in the Bill of Rights protects this right?	

Scenarios adapted from: <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/scripts/getcase.pl?navby=cas&court=us&vol=385&invol=363>, <https://www.quimbee.com/cases/parker-v-gladden>, [www.ovez.org](http://www.ovez.org), [www.landmarkcases.org](http://www.landmarkcases.org)

