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The Unalienable Rights

A Commitment to Individual Rights

Constitution is written to protect & guarantee certain rights

Bill of Rights- First 10 amendments that cover all of our basic rights

Civil Liberties- Protections against the government such as freedom of speech

Civil Rights- Positive acts of government that protect our rights by government law

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Limited Government

Our government is limited & people define what it is in a democracy.

Remember! You have the right to do anything as long as it does not infringe on others rights!

Sometimes we have conflicting rights that have to be decided in court

Aliens- people who are not citizens of the country in which they live.

14th Amendment & Fundamental Rights

Framers made the constitution based on federalism- small governments part of a central

Bill of Rights cover ONLY the National Government

Due Process Clause- No state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law

Process of Incorporation- All of the Bill of Rights are merged into the 14th Amendment

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Court Cases & Rights

Gitlow v. New York- Court ruling that rights are covered by Due Process Clause

Blaine Amendment- State funds cannot be used for religious schools

Sometimes rights are a public matter on a case by case basis, such as prayer in school

Remember the 9th Amendment says you have rights beyond the constitution