

Answer Key

[note: these are the exact answers as they appeared on the original key; you can tell students that if a respondent technically had the answer correct, but it didn't align with the key, the person conducting the test could count the answer as wrong; notes will be added so the teacher can emphasize these to students]

1. C (trial by jury)
2. Habeas Corpus (immediate presentation of charges); lawyer; speedy trial [note: there are more correct answers beyond these, such as trial by jury, but if the respondent didn't have these answers, they could be counted as incorrect]
3. January 20
4. Nine [note: point out to students that the question is flawed; it asks how many "colonies" were needed to ratify the Constitution, yet the states were not colonies when the Constitution was written in 1787]
5. In God We Trust
6. The Governor
7. Six
8. Cruel and Unusual [note: the question doesn't specify that they are looking for protections in the 8th Amendment; this could mean that respondents may attempt to give other answers such as "in violation of the rule of law" or "in violation of due process"]
9. State and local [note: the national government can also levy taxes, but if a respondent said "national" it could be counted as incorrect]
10. B (Russia) [note: at this point, this nation was called the Soviet Union]