



Delaware
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY

STATE AND NATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS COMPARISON

INSTRUCTIONS:

The following list of rights is representative of the United States and/or Delaware's Bill of Rights. Write 'D' at the end of each statement you think only appears in the Delaware Bill of Rights, 'US' if you think the statement only appears in the United States Bill of Rights, and "B" if you think the statement appears in both.

1. Equal rights cannot be denied based on race, color, national origin, or sex. ____
2. No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner. ____
3. The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions, from unreasonable searches and seizures. ____
4. A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home, and State, and for hunting and recreational use. ____
5. All elections shall be free and equal. ____
6. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. ____
7. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel punishments inflicted. ____
8. The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. ____
9. No religious test shall be required as a qualification to any office or public trust. ____
10. No person holding any office under this State shall accept of any office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign State. ____
11. Any citizen may freely speak, write, and print on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty. ____



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Approximately 15 minutes

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ANSWERS:



Most of the questions have a clear answer, but questions 4 and 9 can be used to begin a discussion about language used in the Bill of Rights and the exclusion of rights in the US Bill of Rights but their inclusion in the US Constitution. Question 4 could be either D or B, as the statement's language is specific to Delaware but is shared, in part, by the US Second Amendment. Question 9 is found in the US Constitution (Article VI Clause III) but is not included in the US Bill of Rights.

1. D
2. B
3. B
4. D or B
5. D
6. US
7. B
8. US
9. D
10. D
11. B

