



What is the Cruel and Unusual Punishment Amendment? - Quiz

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Q1. When was the Cruel and Unusual Punishment Amendment ratified?

- A. December 15, 1791
- B. June 13, 1789
- C. July 4, 1776
- D. March 1, 1781

Q2. Which part of the Constitution is the Eighth Amendment a part of?

- A. The Bill of Rights
- B. The Preamble
- C. The Articles of Confederation
- D. The Federalist Papers

Q3. What does the Eighth Amendment primarily protect against?

- A. Excessive bail, fines, and cruel punishments
- B. Unfair taxes
- C. Illegal searches and seizures
- D. Restrictions on free speech

Q4. Who introduced the first draft of the Eighth Amendment?

- A. James Madison
- B. George Washington
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. Benjamin Franklin

Q5. Which clause applies the Eighth Amendment to state governments?

- A. The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment
- B. The Commerce Clause
- C. The Supremacy Clause
- D. The Equal Protection Clause

Q6. Which of the following is an example of a punishment that violates the Eighth Amendment?

- A. Execution by firing squad where each person must shoot another
- B. Community service
- C. Probation
- D. A fine for speeding

Q7. What was the original wording of the Excessive Bail Clause before it was changed?

- A. "The Excessive Bail Clause prohibits excessive bail to be required"
- B. "No excessive bail shall be imposed"
- C. "Bail shall not be excessive"
- D. "Excessive bail is forbidden"

Q8. Which of the following is NOT protected under the Eighth Amendment?

- A. Unusual punishment
- B. Excessive bail
- C. Excessive fines
- D. Cruel punishment

Q9. What is one argument against the Eighth Amendment?

- A. It prevents the justice system from doing its job correctly
- B. It is too lenient on criminals
- C. It does not apply to state governments
- D. It was never ratified properly

Q10. Which of the following punishments is still allowed in some U.S. prisons today?

- A. Whipping
- B. Branding with hot irons
- C. Ear cropping
- D. Pillorying

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A