**Bill of Rights Scenarios Assignment**

The situations below deal with violations of the Bill of Rights. For each situation, tell what the violation is, and which amendment provides protection.

1. Calvin is accused of writing several bad checks. When he appears before the judge, Calvin asks for help preparing his defense because he is too poor to afford a lawyer. The judge tells Calvin that he is sorry he is poor, but Calvin will just have to prepare his own case, without any help.

**What is the violation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Which Amendment protects from this violation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Marvin’s boss dislikes the ideas of the Church of Every Day Salvation. Marvin tells a coworker that he belongs to the church and soon after, Marvin’s boss fires him because he belongs to the church.

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1. A customer says that Betty cheated her out of $2,000 at Betty’s store. The customer then sues Betty. Because Betty believes the evidence will prove her innocent, she asks the judge for a jury trial. The judge says it would be a waste of time, and that he will settle the matter himself.

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1. Juanita lives near a factory that puts foul-smelling smoke in the air. Juanita and her neighbors call a meeting at Juanita’s house to discuss what they can do about the smoke. However, the police block the entrance to the home and tell people that they have no right to hold a meeting.

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**Which Amendment protects from this violation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Bob writes a letter to the editor complaining about the way the government is treating convicts in federal prisons. Because of this letter, Bob is arrested and placed in jail himself.

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1. Brendan is accused of armed robbery and given a trial. The jury finds Brendan innocent. The next day the prosecutor decides that the verdict was not correct, and he orders Brendan arrested and tried for the crime again.

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1. When Mary was arrested for shoplifting, she asked the judge to set bail so that she could be free while awaiting trial. The judge agreed, and set bail at one million dollars. Because Mary could not afford that amount, she remained in jail.

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1. The city of Central had two newspapers. The *Central News* often printed articles in favor of the local mayor. The *Central Register,* however, was very critical of him. When the *Register* wrote that the mayor might not have the best interests of the city in mind, the mayor ordered the paper closed, and it went out of business.

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1. The government lacked money to support the nation’s military forces. To save money, General Pulp ordered that troops be placed in the homes of people living close to military bases. Midge lived next to an army base, and two soldiers moved into her house, even though she did not want them there.

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