

Information on the U.S. Constitution

- **The First Amendment** provides that Congress make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting its free exercise. It protects freedom of speech, the press, assembly, and the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances.
- **The Third Amendment** prohibits the government from quartering troops in private homes, a major grievance during the American Revolution.
- **The Fourth Amendment** protects citizens from unreasonable search and seizure. The government may not conduct any searches without a warrant, and such warrants must be issued by a judge and based on probable cause.
- **The Ninth Amendment** states that the list of rights enumerated in the Constitution is not exhaustive, and that the people retain all rights not enumerated.