**Civil Liberties Examples**

*For each of the instances below, write underneath it what amendment it deals with, and whether it’s legal.*

1. Someone arrested on the scene for a bank robbery in Boston, and spend two years in prison while the prosecution gathered evidence against them to make sure they are convicted.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. A cop pulls over a 19-year old college student for speeding on Lowell St. and can see a beer box in the trunk of the car. Knowing they’re underage, he asks them to step out and searches everything in the car without consent. .

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. A shoplifter is caught stealing $100 dollars worth of food from Whole Foods. The store chooses to press charges. The judge sets the bail at $100,000.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. You and a group of friends strongly disagree with the war on terror, and decide to wear black armbands in school as a form of protest. The principal and deans force you to take them off upon threat of detention or suspension.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. A major bike race is passing through Peabody, and the school has allowed students to go watch. You and your friends wait for the bikers to come by and unroll a 14 foot banner that says “BONG HITS FOR JESUS.” The Principal asks you to take it down, and all your friends do, but you refuse and are then suspended.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. In your opinion, Obama has done a terrible job as President and you want to share your thoughts. You create a blog with a list of how terrible Obama is, and a write about all the mistakes you think he’s done as President.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. You are going to trial for burglary, and the person accusing you is scared that you might retaliate against them if they know it’s you accusing them. The person accusing you decides not to have their name used in the trial.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Law Enforcement officers arrive at a gang members house with a warrant to search for drugs. Upon finding pot plants in a homemade greenhouse in the basement, they also find three assault rifles. The gang is charged with unlawful possession of firearms.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The Boston Globe prints a story about Obama’s plans to attack Syria, and their article includes a map of invasion plans and tactics.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. In a movie theater your friend dares you to yell “fire.” Knowing your right to free speech, you yell it and get arrested shortly after.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. You decide to join one of the “Occupy Wall Street” camps in Harvard Square, Cambridge. About a week into your stay, you are forced to leave by a bunch of cops.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. A well-known terrorist leader declares on a website that he is presently hiding in the US. In order to stop any potential terror plot, Congress passes a law ordering any law enforcement official to arrest him.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Legal? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_