



# Context Clues

**DIRECTIONS:** Use context clues to find the meaning of the bolded words from the U.S. Constitution.

Amendment I: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or **abridging** the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a **redress** of grievances.

1. The word **abridge** means:
  - a. double
  - b. reduce or limit
  - c. permit
3. A synonym for **redress** is:
  - a. remedy
  - b. digress
  - c. perpetuate

Amendment II: A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear **arms**, shall not be **infringed**.

3. The word **arms** means:
  - a. upper limbs
  - b. laws
  - c. weapons
4. A synonym for **infringed** is:
  - a. permitted
  - b. promoted
  - c. violated

