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## The Eighth Amendment: Shielding Against Cruel and Unusual Punishment

### Short Answer

1. Explain the purpose of the prohibition on excessive fines as outlined in the Eighth Amendment.
2. What does the Eighth Amendment prohibit regarding punishments, specifically in terms of their nature and severity?
3. Provide an example of a punishment that could be considered cruel and unusual, explaining why it fits this description.
4. How does the U.S. Supreme Court contribute to the interpretation of the Eighth Amendment?
5. Why is it important for the Eighth Amendment to strike a balance between punishment severity and human dignity?

