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## The Second Amendment and Your Right to Bear Arms

### Short Answer Key

1. The historical context that influenced the wording of the Second Amendment includes the absence of a standing army and the importance of militias for the defense of the nation in the late 18th century.
2. The ongoing debate related to the Second Amendment revolves around whether it guarantees an individual's right to own firearms or primarily focuses on the collective right of states to maintain militias.
3. The Supreme Court's interpretation of the Second Amendment has affirmed the individual's right to own firearms for self-defense, impacting gun rights in the United States.
4. The government plays a role in regulating firearms by enacting laws related to gun ownership, background checks, waiting periods, and other aspects of firearm ownership and use.
5. Examples of regulations or restrictions on firearms in the United States may include waiting periods for purchasing firearms, background checks, and limitations on the sale of certain types of firearms.

