***AMENDMENTS NOTES***

***The Bill of Rights (first 10 Amendments!!!)***

1st Amendment (**RAPPS**)

-Freedom of Religion

-Freedom of Assembly

- Freedom of Press

- Freedom of Petition

- Freedom of Speech

2nd Amendment

- Right to bear arms

3rd Amendment

- Right not to quarter soldiers

4th Amendment

- Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures

5th Amendment

- **indictment by a grand jury**: formally charged for a serious crime

\*\* a grand jury does not decide if a person is guilty or innocent; they only decide if there is enough evidence to try the suspect in court!!!!!!

- **no double jeopardy**: a person cannot be tried twice for the same crime

- **right to remain silent** (no self incrimination): a person does not have to testify against themselves

- **due process of law** must be followed for everyone

- **eminent domain**: the government has the right to take private property, usually land, for public use

6th amendment

- guarantees a **trial by jury**

- guarantees a **public and speedy trial**

- the accused must be **told the exact charge** against them

- the accused have the right to hear and question all **witnesses** against them and call witnesses in their own defense

- **right to a lawyer**

7th Amendment

- right to a **jury trial in civil cases** where the amount is more than $20

8th Amendment

- **no excessive bail** ( a sum of money used as a security deposit; if the person shows up to court the bail money is returned to them; if the person does not show up for court they do not get their money back)

- **no cruel and unusual punishment**

9th Amendment

- **citizens have rights** beyond what is written in the constitution

- example: privacy

10th Amendment

* any powers not given to the national government are reserved for the states (**reserved powers**!!!)

Amendments 11-27

11th - A State cannot be sued by a citizen of a foreign state (another country)

12th - The President and Vice President will be elected on separate ballots

13th - Abolishes (forbids) Slavery

14th - Defines citizenship (“the law of the soil” and “the law of the blood”)

* States cannot deprive citizens of life, liberty, and property
* States must uphold due process

15th - Right to vote cannot be denied because of Race, Color, nor Previous Status of Servitude (former slaves have the right to vote)

16th - Authorizes income taxes

17th - Senators are elected directly by the voters in each state

18th - Outlawed the making, selling, transporting, and exporting of alcoholic beverages.

- This Amendment was repealed (canceled) by the 21st Amendment

19th - Women’s Suffrage (women’s right to vote)

- No person should be denied the right to vote based on their sex

20th - The President’s term was changed to begin on Jan. 20

 - Congress begins their term on Jan. 3

- This Amendment is sometimes called the “lame duck” amendment because a person defeated (the lame duck) now remains the President less time after his/her defeat.

21st - Repealed the 18th Amendment

22nd - A president can only serve for 2 terms (or a maximum of 10 years)

23rd - District of Columbia is given 3 electoral votes (the same as the least populous state)

24th - Prohibits federal and state governments from requiring a tax to vote (poll tax).

25th - Presidential Succession

- Filling the vacancy of Vice President by the new President

26th - Voting age set at 18 years old.

27th - Limits congressional pay raises