

Before you watch:

1. What do you think of when you hear the term “rule of law?” Write down some key words and phrases.
2. What ways can you think of that the Constitution provides for the rule of law in the U.S.?

While you watch:

1. The Constitution forbids bills of _____ (laws passed to single out one person).
2. It also bans _____ laws, which means the government cannot suddenly declare an action illegal and then punish people who did it in the past.
3. All criminal trials will be tried by a _____.
4. The police cannot search you or your property without first getting a _____ from a judge by demonstrating _____ cause.
5. People accused of crimes have many rights to due process—the right to know what they are being charged with, to consult with a _____, to confront their _____, call _____ in their own defense, and have their trial take place in a _____ manner in the location where the alleged crime occurred.
6. A government cannot try a defendant over and over until it gets a guilty verdict. This is known as double _____.
7. Excessive _____ and cruel and unusual _____ are forbidden.
8. The most serious crimes require a _____ to bring charges, and the crime of treason can only be proven by the testimony of _____ witnesses to the same overt act, or on _____ in open court.