

**Introduction to Law
Civil Liberties Unit
“The Bill of Rights and Guns”**

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Introduction

What is your view of the Second Amendment and the right to “keep and bear arms”?

Directions

Answer the following questions as you read the articles related to the Second Amendment.

Lesson 1: *What are the Origins and Interpretations of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms?*

1. How is the “shot heard around the world” related to the Second Amendment?
2. Identify the Sons of Liberty –
3. Identify early restrictions some colonies placed on gun ownership.
4. How was the Second Amendment initially related to the federal government and their power?
5. What are considered the three leading issues surrounding the Second Amendment debate today?
6. What are the two views of the term “militia”, as it is found in the Second Amendment?

Lesson 2: *How Has the Second Amendment Been Interpreted?*

7. Briefly summarize how the Supreme Court ruled in the following cases:

A. *U.S. v. Miller* (1939) –

B. *U.S. v. Lopez* (1995) –

C. *Printz v. U.S.* (1997) –

D. *Presser v. Illinois* (1886) –

E. *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) –

F. *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010) –

8. Identify three arguments used each side of the gun control debate.

Gun Control Supporters:

A.

B.

C.

Gun Rights Advocates:

A.

B.

C.