Bill of Rights: Worksheet

Fill in the blank: Complete the following statements with the correct word or phrase.

1. The Bill of Rights protects _____ _____.

2. The Bill of Rights contains the first _____ amendments.

3. Originally, the Bill of Rights only applied to the _____ government.

4. The Supreme Court applies parts of the Bill of Rights to state governments in a process called _____ _____.

Short Answer: Succinctly answer the following questions in one to three sentences.

5. Who proposed twenty amendments to make up the Bill of Rights?

6. Briefly describe the process by which the Bill of Rights was proposed, amended, and then ratified as part of the Constitution.

7. List two prevailing arguments that were made against adding a bill of rights to the Constitution.

Essay prompt: Why do you think the Bill of Rights originally only applied to one level of government? Explain and defend your answer.