## **Unalienable Rights**

Unalienable rights cannot be taken away without due process. There are two documents that list our unalienable rights —

## **Declaration of Independence**

## **U.S. Bill of Rights**

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written in **1776** 

written by **Thomas Jefferson** 

Unalienable rights – life, liberty (freedom), and the pursuit of happiness

Bill of Rights

The first **10** amendments to the Constitution.

They were added to **protect individual liberties**.

Added to U.S. Constitution in 1791.

Written by James Madsion

1<sup>st</sup> – 5 freedoms of expression

2<sup>nd</sup> – right to bear arms

3<sup>rd</sup> – no **quartering** troops

4<sup>th</sup> – no unreasonable searches and **seizures** 

5<sup>th</sup> – due process

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – trial by jury

8<sup>th</sup> – no cruel or unusual punishment

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – rights of the people and the states

First Amendment

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or **abridging** the freedom of speech, or of the **press**; or the right of the people peaceably to **assemble**, and to petition the Government for **a redress of grievances**."

List the five freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment –

- Speech
- Press
- Religion
- Assembly
- <u>Petition</u>

Where did the idea of unalienable rights come from?

Magna Carta (1215) John Locke (1632-1704) English Bill of Rights (1689) due process, trial by jury "life, liberty, and property" trial by jury, no cruel punishments

Terms to Know

<u>due process</u> - fair treatment of citizens by state and national government

seize - to take by force quartering - provide housing

<u>abridging</u> - limiting <u>assemble</u> - gather in one place

<u>redress</u> - correction of complaints <u>press</u> - newspapers, media