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## The Ninth Amendment

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### Introduction:

The U.S. Constitution limits the power of the federal government. The Ninth Amendment makes it clear that the rights of U.S. citizens are not limited by the Constitution. It states that Americans have rights that are not listed in the Constitution. In other words, the Bill of Rights is not an exhaustive list.

The text of this amendment reads, "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

### Questions:

1. What rights are protected under the Ninth Amendment?
2. What year was the Ninth Amendment ratified?
3. What does "enumeration" mean?
4. What does "disparage" mean?
5. What did the Federalists think about a bill of rights?
6. What did Anti-Federalists think about a bill of rights?
7. How does the Ninth Amendment ease the concerns of both the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists?
8. What was the Supreme Court ruling in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965)?
9. How is the Ninth Amendment like an inkblot?
10. The courts have not clearly defined the rights protected by the Ninth Amendment. What rights do you think James Madison had in mind when writing this text?