

# The Constitution

# Unit 2

## Civil Rights & Liberties - Ghosts of Mississippi

## Chapter 4.4

*“In 1963 civil rights leader Medgar Evers was murdered in his own driveway. For 30 years his assassin has remained free. Is it ever too late to do the right thing?”*

Below is a list of event and observations from the movie *“Ghosts of Mississippi”* that shows the exercise of civil rights and civil liberties.

1) Place the letter of the civil liberty on the line next to each event or observation.

A) Amendment 1: Freedom of Speech	H) Amendment 5: Right to a Grand Jury Indictment
B) Amendment 1: Freedom of the Press	J) Amendment 5: Protection Against Self-Incrimination
C) Amendment 1: Right to Petition	K) Amendment 6: Right to a Trial by Jury in Criminal Cases.
D) Amendment 1: Freedom of Assembly	L) Amendment 6: Right to a Speedy Trial.
E) Amendment 2: Right to Bear Arms	M) Amendment 6: Right to an Attorney
F) Amendment 4: Searches & Seizures (Handling of Evidence)	N) Amendment 6: Right to Cross-Examine Witnesses
G) Amendment 5: Due Process / Protection of Life, Liberty & Property	O) Amendment 14: Equal Protection of the Laws

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| <p>___ 1) The meaning of President Kennedy’s speech.</p> <p>___ 2) Beckwith owns a rifle.</p> <p>___ 3) Beckwith is tried 2 times within a few years of the crime.</p> <p>___ 4) Beckwith is not convicted in two trials.</p> <p>___ 5) Beckwith was received with a parade after his 2<sup>nd</sup> trial.</p> <p>___ 6) Myrlie Evers requests a retrial of the case against Beckwith.</p> <p>___ 7) Most of the evidence in the case is missing.</p> <p>___ 8) District Attorney’s office reopens the case against Beckwith.</p> <p>___ 9) Medgar Evers gives speeches on civil rights.</p> <p>___ 10) The meaning of Medgar Evers’ speeches.</p> <p>___ 11) Gun was originally found in the vacant lot - at the scene of the crime.</p> <p>___ 12) Beckwith spoke at a Klan rally</p> <p>___ 13) “Klandestine” book.</p> <p>___ 14) Many groups distribute pamphlets and magazines about their “hate” groups.</p> | <p>___ 15) TV interview with Beckwith.</p> <p>___ 16) Jerry Mitchell (newspaper reporter) reports on the events of the case.</p> <p>___ 17) Charles Evers (Medgar Evers’ brother) gives a musical tribute to Medgar.</p> <p>___ 18) Bobby DeLaughter is given a gun by detective Charlie Crisco.</p> <p>___ 19) Grand Jury issues a warrant for Beckwith’s arrest.</p> <p>___ 20) Evers’ body is exhumed and an autopsy is performed.</p> <p>___ 21) Beckwith was tried a 3<sup>rd</sup> time - 30 years after the crime.</p> <p>___ 22) Beckwith has a team of lawyers arguing the case for him.</p> <p>___ 23) Attorneys for both sides get to ask questions to all witnesses.</p> <p>___ 24) Bathroom door label “Whites Only” is covered over.</p> <p>___ 25) Beckwith does not take the witness stand for his 3<sup>rd</sup> trial.</p> <p>___ 26) Beckwith’s verdict is given by 12 random citizens.</p> <p>___ 27) A large crowd gathered to hear the verdict.</p> |
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