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Amendment Five

The fifth amendment guarantees the people the right to a grand jury, forbidding double jeopardy, and protects oneself against self-incrimination. This amendment was created in reaction to unfair Courts of Chamber and High Commission, British courts that operated between

1487-1641. These courts used unfair methods against the accused. For example, they would browbeat the accused for confessions or evidence and that would be all the proof they needed. Also during Charles the I reign, these courts were used as a way to enforce unfair political policies.

The early creators of The Bills of Rights were, former presidents, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, inspired by Thomas and drafted by James, they were both very adamant that this bill be passed. There were four global documents that were the inspiration for the Bill of Rights; those documents were the Magna Carta, the Charters of the Virginia Company of London, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. The Magna Carta is a document written by a group of 13th-century barons. The document was made to guarantee Barons their rights; no new taxes unless a common counsel agrees, all free men have the right to justice and a fair trial with a jury, and lastly the Monarch does not have absolute power; the Magna Carta was also a way for the barons to state where they believed the king was crossing the line. The Charters of the Virginia Company of London is a royal charter that was issued by James I , in 1606, it was meant to state to inventors and settlers, to make habitation and deduce a colony for English people into the part of America, commonly called Virginia. The reason this document was important to the development of the Bill of Rights was because it guaranteed the colonists all rights of Englishmen. Next, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, drafted in 1776, was written to declare all men are equal and certain inherent rights. This nation's founders believed that the new purpose of government was to protect all individuals rights, this is why this document was the inspiration for the Bill of Rights. Lastly, the Declaration of Independence, an important document for the history of the United States, an official act signed by all original 13

American colonies. The act declared independence from British rule, the act wasn't legally enforceable until it was enumerated into the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, hence the reason the document provided inspiration for the Bill of Rights.

After much research, most historians agree that a crucial event that contributed to the creation of The United States Bill of Right and its individual amendments is the Stamp Act, passed by English Parliament in 1765, an act passed to heavily tax the colonies after the Seven Years War. The reason this act had such an effect on the creation of the Bill of Rights was because the act angered the colonists causing them to unite and rebel. The Stamp Act pushed the colonists to the limit which is why the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were made, so that the people would not have to fight for their rights and their freedom.

In conclusion, the fifth amendment, the right to a grand jury, forbidding double jeopardy, and protecting oneself against self-incrimination was made to make sure that the people wouldn't be treated unfairly. The fifth amendment is a part of the Bill of Rights, the early creators of the Bill of Rights were Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, they were inspired by four documents; the Magna Carta, the Charters of the Virginia Company of London, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. The Stamp Act was a major part in the development of the Bill of Rights and its individual amendments, the stamp act fueled the fire the colonists were feeling, and that fire spread to a war for freedom.

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