You Have the Right to Remain Silent: *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966)

Primary Sources

(Original materials and firsthand documentation created during a historic event)

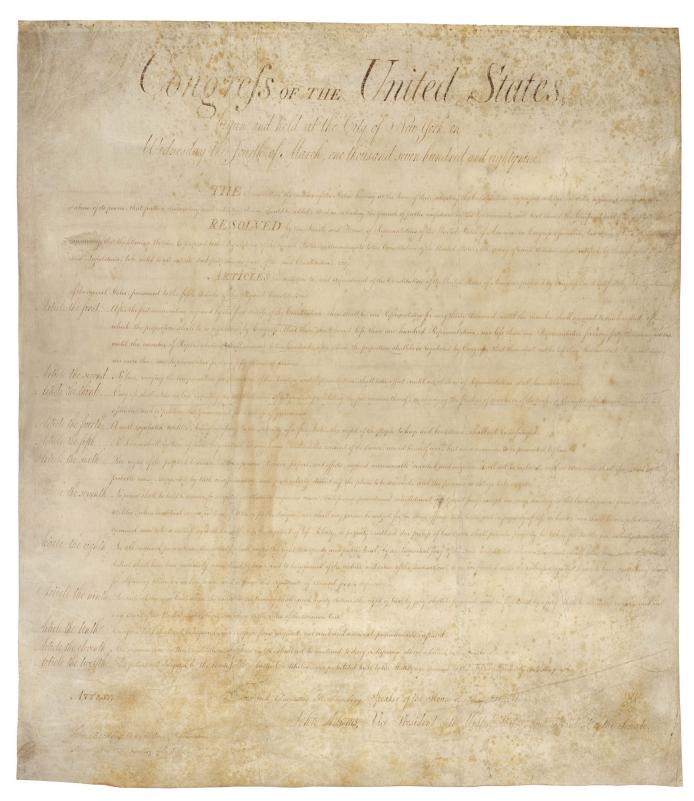
Included in this lesson:

- U.S. Bill of Rights
 - Original (image)
 - Transcription (excerpt)
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 - o Booking fingerprints, Police Department, Phoenix, Arizona, 1963
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 - o Current Arrest record after sentencing, Arizona Prison, Florentine, Arizona, 1963
- Letter from Justice William Brennan, Jr. to Chief Justice Earl Warren





U.S. Bill of Rights, Original (image)







U.S. Bill of Rights, Transcription (excerpt)

Congress of the United States begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all, or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz.

ARTICLES in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

Amendment V

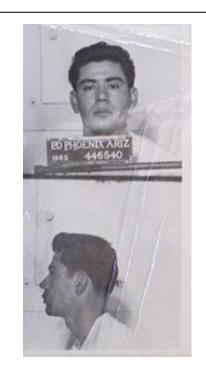
No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

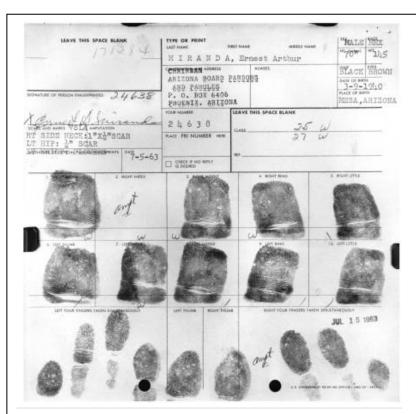




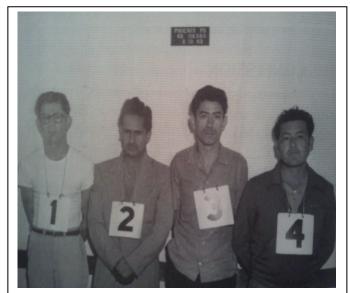
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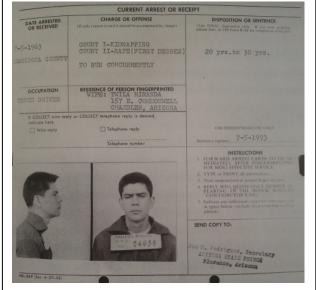
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Booking fingerprints, Police Department, Phoenix, Arizona, 1963



Police line-up for victim identification of suspect, Police Department, Phoenix, Arizona, 1963



Current Arrest record after sentencing, Arizona Prison, Florence, Arizona, 1963





Letter from Justice William Brennan, Jr. to Chief Justice Earl Warren

Supreme Court of the United States Mushington 25, D. C.

CHAMBERS OF JUSTICE WMJ BRENNAN, JR.

May 11, 1966

RE: Nos. 759, 760, 761 and 584.

Dear Chief:

I am writing out my suggestions addressed to your Miranda opinion with the thought that we might discuss them at your convenience. I feel guilty about the extent of the suggestions but this will be one of the most important opinions of our time and I know that you will want the fullest expression of my views.

I have one major suggestion. It goes to the basic thrust of
the approach to be taken. In your very first sentence you state
that the root problem is "the role society must assume, consistent
with the federal Constitution, in prosecuting individuals for crime."

I would suggest that the root issue is "the restraints society must
observe, consistent with the federal Constitution, in prosecuting
individuals for crime."





Secondary Sources

(Materials related to the original event but created after the fact, can involve summarization and bias)

Included in this lesson:

- Take a Journey: From the Bill of Rights to Miranda
- U.S. Supreme Court Hearing
- The Miranda Warning





Take a Journey: From the Bill of Rights to Miranda

Did you know that before the United States of America was established, people living in other countries had limited freedoms? In England, under the rule of a king and strict regulations, the origins of the Bill of Rights began to take shape. These limitations drove people to revolt and seek out a new land where these freedoms could be realized. After crossing the Atlantic Ocean, settling the colonies, declaring independence, and establishing a government, the U.S. Congress drafted a Constitution to guarantee certain freedoms and rights to the people. In 1791, two years later, these first ten amendments became known as the Bill of Rights after they were ratified in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bill of Rights--First 10 Amendments (Abridged)

- 1) Freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition.
- 2) Right to keep and bear arms.
- 3) No quartering of soldiers without owner consent.
- 4) Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures.
- 5) Rights of the accused (due process of law, freedom from self-incrimination, double jeopardy).
- 6) Rights of the accused (speedy trial, impartial jury, counsel representation, nature of accusation).
- 7) Rights of trial by jury in civil cases.
- 8) Protection from excessive bail, cruel and unusual punishments.
- 9) Other undeniable rights of the people.
- 10) Powers reserved to the states.

Today, it is the job of the U.S. Supreme Court to make sure these, and other Constitutional Amendments, are upheld. While each state has its own Constitution, laws, and judicial systems, it is ultimately up to the Supreme Court to make sure these basic civil liberties are protected. This is a timeline of how the Miranda case ended up being tried by the highest court in the country.

City/Municipal Court
(Maricopa County, 1963)
↓
State Supreme Court
(Arizona, 1965)
↓
U.S. Supreme Court
(Washington, D.C., 1966)





U.S. Supreme Court Hearing

Arguments for Appeal

- Ernesto Miranda was coerced into signing a confession
- Phoenix Police had not notified Ernesto Miranda of his Constitutional rights
- Direct violations of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution (protection against witnessing against oneself/self-incrimination)
- State of Arizona had a history of not supporting the U.S. Constitution and its Amendments since its Statehood in 1912

Arguments against Appeal

- Ernesto Miranda was familiar with the criminal process (previous arrests on record)
- Phoenix Police Department testimony of rights being made aware to Ernesto Miranda multiple times (not necessarily before questioning)
- Attorney presence interferes with police interrogation
- The Sixth Amendment (right to counsel) applied more to the Miranda case than the Fifth Amendment

After hearing and discussing the case, the U.S. Supreme Court decision was delivered. By a vote of 5 (in favor) to 4 (against), the Court appealed the *Miranda v. Arizona* decision, stating guaranteed protections in the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution were violated. Specific statements from the decision can be read below.

- "There can be no doubt that the Fifth Amendment privilege is available outside of criminal court
 proceedings and serves to protect persons in all settings in which their freedom of action is
 curtailed in any significant way from being compelled to incriminate themselves."
- "The prosecution may not use statements, whether exculpatory or inculpatory, stemming from
 custodial interrogation of the defendant unless it demonstrates the use of procedural safeguards
 effective to secure the privilege against self-incrimination. By custodial interrogation, we mean
 questioning initiated by law enforcement officers after a person has been taken into custody or
 otherwise deprived of his freedom of action in any significant way."
- "Without proper safeguards the process of in-custody interrogation of persons suspected or accused of crime contains inherently compelling pressures which work to undermine the individual's will to resist and to compel him to speak where he would otherwise do so freely."
- "[The accused] must be warned prior to any questioning that he has the right to remain silent, that anything he says can be used against him in a court of law, that he has the right to the presence of an attorney, and that if he cannot afford an attorney one will be appointed for him prior to any questioning if he so desires."

Ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Arizona in the Miranda case and the state was required to retry the criminal charges against Ernesto Miranda without the use of his signed confession.





The Miranda Warning by Steve Mount

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The Constitution reserves many rights for those suspected of crime. One of the fears of the Framers was that the government could act however it wished by simply saying an individual was a suspected criminal. Many of the rights in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, such as habeas corpus, the right to remain silent, and the right to an attorney, are designed to ensure that those accused of a crime are assured of those rights.

Police were able to take advantage of the fact that not everyone knows their rights by heart. In fact, it is likely that most citizens could name a few of their rights as accused criminals, but not all of them. The police's position was that if the accused, for example, spoke about a crime without knowing that they did not need to, that it was the person's fault for not invoking that right, even if they did not know, or did not remember, that they had that right.

This was the crux of the issue in *Miranda v Arizona*. In 1963, Ernesto Miranda was accused of kidnapping and raping an 18-year-old, mildly retarded woman. He was brought in for questioning, and confessed to the crime. He was not told that he did not have to speak or that he could have a lawyer present. At trial, Miranda's lawyer tried to get the confession thrown out, but the motion was denied. In 1966, the case came in front of the Supreme Court. The Court ruled that the statements made to the police could not be used as evidence, since Miranda had not been advised of his rights.

Since then, before any pertinent questioning of a suspect is done, the police have been required to recite the Miranda warning. The statement, reproduced below, exists in several forms, but all have the key elements: the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney. These are also often referred to as the "Miranda rights." When you have been read your rights, you are said to have been "Mirandized."

Note that one need not be Mirandized to be arrested. There is a difference between being arrested and being questioned. Also, basic questions, such as name, address, and Social Security number do not need to be covered by a Miranda warning. The police also need not Mirandize someone who is not a suspect in a crime.

As for Ernesto Miranda, his conviction was thrown out, though he did not become a free man. The police had other evidence that was independent of the confession, and when Miranda was tried a second time in 1967, he was convicted again. After release from prison, Miranda was killed in a barroom brawl in 1976.





Learn It! Discussion and Analysis

- 1. In *your own words* describe the difference between a primary source and a secondary source.
- 2. Complete the following table using the primary and secondary sources previously studied. Be sure to cite specific sources used for evidence/support.

	Statement of Evidence	SOURCE Citation(s)	Primary or Secondary Source
Central Idea of a Writing			
Purpose of a Writing			
One Fact from a Source			
One Opinion from a Source			
Credibility/ Validity of a Source			
Bias in Source Materials			





3. Which part(s) of the Fifth Amendment relates directly to the Miranda v. Arizona case?
4. A person is "innocent until proven guilty". How do the images of Ernesto Miranda (or of any accused person) impact the public's perception about his innocence/guilt? Explain.
5. Examine the primary documents provided. Identify how these, along with the role of this case in the media may have influenced the perception of Maricopa County or Arizona at the time.
6. Explain why the U.S. Supreme Court was able to overturn the appeal decisions of the Maricopa County and Arizona State courts.
7. Summarize why the Supreme Court case of <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> (1966) has a lasting impact on citizens' rights today (3-5 sentences minimum):





Learn It! Discussion and Analysis

Answer Key

1. In *your own words* describe the difference between a primary source and a secondary source.

Answers will vary. Ex: Primary sources are created firsthand during a historic event. Secondary sources are created after an event and usually summarize details of an event by someone not directly involved.

2. Complete the following table using the primary and secondary sources previously studied. Be sure to cite specific sources used for evidence/support. Answers will vary.

	Statement of Evidence	SOURCE(S) Citation	Primary or Secondary Source
Central Idea of a Writing	Ex: There are certain rights of the people that should be protected by the federal government.	U.S. Bill of Rights	Primary
	Ex: The Miranda v. Arizona case applies to the past, present, and future.	Take a Journey: From the Bill of Rights to Miranda	Secondary
Purpose of a Writing	Ex: To express suggestions related to the Miranda case.	Letter from Justice Brennan to Chief Justice Warren	Primary
	Ex: To summarize the main points of the U.S. Supreme Court hearing on the Miranda v. Arizona appeal.	U.S. Supreme Court Hearing	Secondary
One fact from a Source	Ex: The U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights was drafted in 1789 in New York.	U.S. Bill of Rights	Primary
	Ex: The role of the U.S. Supreme Court is to make sure the Constitution is upheld.	Take a Journey: From the Bill of Rights to Miranda	Secondary
One opinion from a Source	Ex: The wording used by Chief Justice Warren in his first sentence of the Miranda opinion should be changed.	Letter from Justice Brennan to Chief Justice Warren	Primary
	Ex: The State of Arizona had a history of not supporting the U.S. Constitution Amendments.	U.S. Supreme Court Hearing	Secondary





Credibility/ Validity of a	Ex: Provides the most accurate information known at the time.	All Primary Source materials	Primary
Source	Ex: Has been retold by someone who has no personal connection to the case, which could compromise details	All Secondary Source materials	Secondary
Bias in Source Materials	Ex: Mug shots and fingerprints give the perception of guilt.	Images of Ernesto Miranda	Primary
Waterials	Ex: Claims about victim's mental state, not mentioned elsewhere.	The Miranda Warning	Secondary

3. Which part(s) of the Fifth Amendment relates directly to the *Miranda v. Arizona* case?

Answers will vary. Ex: This is where the term "pleading the fifth" comes from- the clause in the Fifth Amendment that protects the accused of self-incrimination ("No person...shall be compelled in a criminal case to be a witness against himself"). When someone uses their Fifth Amendment right to remain silent, they are protecting themselves from potentially damaging testimony that can later be used against them in court.

4. A person is "innocent until proven guilty". How do the images of Ernesto Miranda (or of any accused person) impact the public's perception about his innocence/guilt? Explain.

Answers will vary. Ex: When people see mug shots and fingerprints, it indicates they have been arrested/booked into jail. Most people associate jail with criminals, and therefore the person may be seen as guilty before they are tried or convicted.

5. Examine the primary and secondary documents provided. Identify how these, along with the role of this case in the media may have influenced the perception of Maricopa County or Arizona at the time.

Answers will vary. Ex: Since the crimes Miranda were accused (and later convicted) of were violent in nature, people may assume that the Phoenix area is unsafe or has high rights of crime. Arizona's geographic location as a border state may have an influence. People may also think that Arizona is careless in the way it processes the accused and treats it citizens.

6. Explain why the U.S. Supreme Court was able to overturn the appeal decisions of the Maricopa County and Arizona State courts.

Answers will vary. Ex: There are different levels of government- federal, state, and city/municipal. While Maricopa County and Arizona State courts can administer local and state laws, if someone's Constitutional rights come into question, the U.S. Supreme Court is the ultimate judicial body and guarantor that those rights are protected.





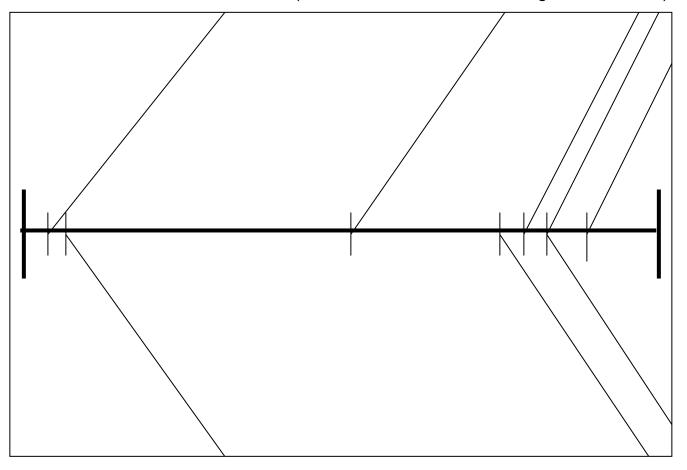
7. Summarize why the Supreme Court case of <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> (1966) has a lasting impact on citizens' rights today (3-5 sentences minimum):		
Answers will vary. Ex: The Miranda case reminds us of our Fifth Amendment rights, particularly against self-incrimination. If a citizen is arrested, they are first read their Miranda Rights so they understand these rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Bill of Rights. Without this decision, the standard practice of law in the U.S. today would be different.		





Map It! Through Time and Place

- 1. Create a timeline that organizes the following significant events chronologically. Be sure to include the year of each as well.
 - U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights (including Fifth Amendment) ratified
 - Miranda case appealed to Maricopa County & Arizona Supreme courts (denied)
 - Ernesto Miranda arrested, questioned, tried, and sentenced to prison by Superior Court of Maricopa County
 - Miranda case appealed to United States Supreme Court (overturned)
 - U.S. Constitution/Bills of Rights (including Fifth Amendment) drafted
 - Miranda Rights are first required by law to be read to all accused before questioning
 - Arizona Statehood
 - Miranda case retried in Arizona (conviction remained without original confession)





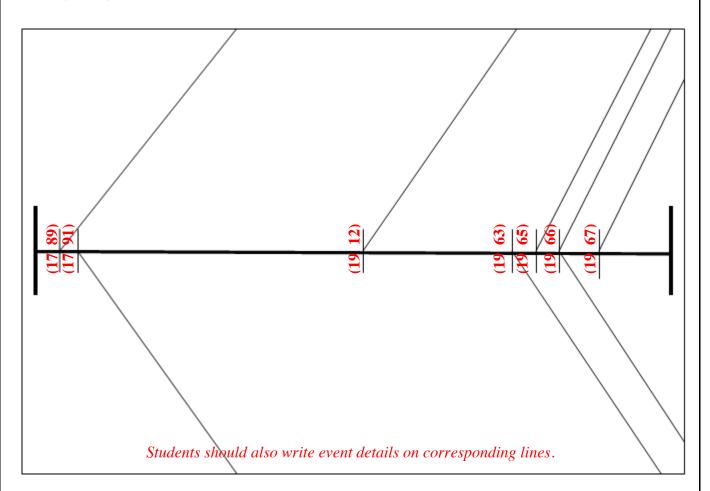


2. Go back through the Primary and Secondary Source materials and list <i>all</i> places mentioned in relation to the <i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> (1966) case. Include cities, counties, states, countries, and bodies of water.
List the places here:
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3. Using "Across the Atlantic" map, identify and label the places you listed.
4. Use the (clues) to fill in the related place names, then find the following distances:
a. From (where the origins of the Bill of Rights took shape) to
(where the U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights were drafted).
MILES
b. From (where the Miranda case originated) to
(where the U.S. Supreme Court heard the Miranda appeal and
overturned the ruling, using the Fifth Amendment as the basis).
MILES





- 1. Create a timeline that organizes the following significant events chronologically. Be sure to include the year of each as well.
 - U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights (including Fifth Amendment) ratified (1791)
 - Miranda case appealed to Maricopa County & Arizona Supreme courts (denied) (1965)
 - Ernesto Miranda arrested, questioned, tried, and sentenced to prison by Superior Court of Maricopa County (1963)
 - Miranda case appealed to United States Supreme Court (overturned) (1966)
 - U.S. Constitution/Bills of Rights (including Fifth Amendment) drafted (1789)
 - Miranda Rights are first required by law to be read to all accused before questioning (1966)
 - Arizona Statehood (1912)
 - Miranda case retried in Arizona (conviction remained w/out original confession) (1967)







2. Go back through the Primary and Secondary Source materials and list all places mentioned in relation to the Miranda v. Arizona (1966) case. Include cities, counties, states, countries, and bodies of water.

List the places here: (Can be listed in any order)

- Washington, D.C.
- United States of America
- Arizona
- New York
- Phoenix (AZ)
- Philadelphia (PA)
- Pennsylvania
- Maricopa County
- England
- Atlantic Ocean
- 3. Using "Across the Atlantic" map, identify and label the places you listed. See map.
- 4. Use the (clues) to fill in the related place names, then find the following distances:
- a. From England (where the origins of the Bill of Rights took shape) to New York (where the U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights were drafted).

Approx. 3500 MILES

b. From Phoenix (AZ) (where the U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights was ratified) to Washington, D.C. (where the U.S. Supreme Court heard the *Miranda v. Arizona* appeal b and overturned the ruling, using the Fifth Amendment as the basis for the decision).

Approx. 2000 MILES





Say It! Miranda Rights Cards Print and cut out (one for each student)

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•	You have the right to remain silent.	•	You have the right to remain silent.
S •	Anything you say or do can be used	S •	Anything you say or do can be used
MIRANDA RIGHTS	against you in a court of law.	RIGHTS	against you in a court of law.
9 •	You have the right to speak to an	9 .	You have the right to speak to an
	attorney, and to have one present	\square	attorney, and to have one present
₹	during questioning.		during questioning.
 ₽ .	If you cannot afford an attorney, one	₽.	If you cannot afford an attorney, one
A .	will be provided for you.	A	will be provided for you.
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	they have been read to you?		they have been read to you?
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	Anything you say or do can be used	Ĕ.	Anything you say or do can be used
	against you in a court of law.	馬	against you in a court of law.
MIRANDA RIGHTS	You have the right to speak to an	RIGHTS • •	You have the right to speak to an
	attorney, and to have one present		attorney, and to have one present
DA	during questioning.	DA	during questioning.
Z •	If you cannot afford an attorney, one	Z •	If you cannot afford an attorney, one
\mathbb{Z}	will be provided for you.	\mathbf{Z}	will be provided for you.
₹ •	Do you understand these rights as	MIRANDA •	Do you understand these rights as
4	they have been read to you?	_	they have been read to you?
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∀	during questioning.	A	during questioning.
Z •	If you cannot afford an attorney, one	Z •	If you cannot afford an attorney, one
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A	during questioning.	₹	during questioning.
MIRANDA RI	If you cannot afford an attorney, one	MIRANDA •	If you cannot afford an attorney, one
A.	will be provided for you.	A	will be provided for you.
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₹ •	Do you understand these rights as	₹	Do you understand these rights as
	they have been read to you?		they have been read to you?





Say It! Crossword Puzzle

Crossword Puzzle		
The Rights were created to an individual against self-		
as supported by the Amendment of the Bill of U.S.		
After the Miranda v case in 1966, the Court upheld that		
enforcement officials areto read the following statement to persons		
before those of violating the law:		
"You have the right to remain Anything you or do can and will be		
used you in a of law. You have the right to speak to an		
If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be for you. Do you		
these rights as they have been 7 Down to you?"		
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Say It! Crossword Puzzle

Answer Key

The <u>Miranda</u> Rights were created to <u>protect</u> an individual against self-<u>incrimination</u> as supported by the <u>Fifth</u> Amendment of the Bill of <u>Rights</u>/U.S. <u>Constitution</u>. After the Miranda v. <u>Arizona</u> case in 1966, the <u>Supreme</u> Court upheld that <u>law</u> enforcement officials are <u>required</u> to read the following statement to persons before <u>questioning</u> those <u>accused</u> of violating the law:

"You have the right to remain <u>silent</u>. Anything you <u>say</u> or do can be used <u>against</u> you in a court of law. You have the right to speak to an <u>attorney</u>, and to have one present during questioning. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be <u>provided</u> for you. Do you <u>understand</u> these rights as they have been <u>read</u> to you?"

