



# THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

## Preface

**FREEDOM is a cornerstone of the American Constitution.**

The American Constitution is built on rights. Many people perceive the Second Amendment as both a right and an obligation. They will argue that you need the freedom to carry arms because you are obligated to protect yourself and your family - with a deadly weapon.

Others claim that the Second Amendment is out-dated. They argue that the right to carry arms causes a violent society. They believe that ownership of guns should be governmentally controlled, making it more difficult to acquire a weapon.

So what is more important: Freedom of action or Gun Control?

THE SECOND AMENDMENT  
TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”



### POINTS OF DISCUSSION



Do you have *gun control* in your country?  
Do you have *freedom of action* in your country?

### 1 IN GROUPS: FACT FILE

Make a fact file about the history of the Second Amendment.

### 2 IN PAIRS: A NEW AMENDMENT

Do you agree with the Second Amendment? The language is not up to date. How about the message? Rewrite the Second Amendment to your liking in both language and message. Post the different versions on the classroom wall.