

The Constitution of the State of Alaska
Article 1 – Declaration of Rights

Alaska Studies

Find the answers to the following questions in the State of Alaska Constitution.

1. What did Jack Coghill say was achieved fundamentally with the Alaska Constitution? See his introduction on page 5.
2. What are the inherent rights of Alaskans?
3. Section 1 also includes the term “corresponding obligations.” What might they be?
4. Regarding Section 2, what does it mean that government “...is instituted for good of the people as a whole?”
5. Check the “Schedule of Amendments” on page 46 to see how Section 3 was amended in 1972.
6. Sections 4, 5, and 6 correspond with what amendments to the U.S. Constitution?
7. How does Section 5 differ from its counterpart in the U.S. Constitution?
8. Which rights contained in Sections 7 through 21 are found as well in the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution? If so, where do they correspond?
9. How does Section 19, “The Right to Keep and Bear Arms,” compare with the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution?
10. Is Section 22, “The Right of Privacy,” found in the Bill of Rights?
11. Read Section 23. Under what conditions can the State of Alaska grant preferences for the hiring of Alaskans?
12. Summarize Section 24.
13. How is marriage defined in the State of Alaska?
14. In a paragraph, and based upon your examination of the Declaration of Rights, agree or disagree with Jack Coghill. Cite at least two reasons for your conclusion.