



SPHERE EDUCATION INITIATIVES
AMERICA'S 250TH

Fostering Civil Discourse and Diverse Viewpoints for Every Classroom



COLONIAL COURTROOM CHAOS!

Peers or Power Sorting Card Game Side 1A



Peers or Power Sorting Card Game Side 1B

JOHN PETER
ZENGER
TRIAL (1735)

JURY PROTECTED
FREE SPEECH AND
DECLARED ZENGER
NOT GUILTY

WILLIAM
PENN'S
TRIAL (1670)

JURY STOOD UP TO
A JUDGE AND
REFUSED TO
CONVICT PENN

ENGLISH BILL
OF RIGHTS
(1689)

GUARANTEED RIGHTS
LIKE NO CRUEL
PUNISHMENTS AND FAIR
TRIALS. LAID THE
GROUNDWORK FOR MANY
OF THE AMENDMENTS

BOSTON
MASSACRE
TRIAL (1770)

A JURY CAREFULLY
WEIGHED EVIDENCE,
SHOWING JUSTICE
COULD BE FAIR EVEN
IN TENSE TIMES

JURY TRIAL

ORDINARY
CITIZENS DECIDE
GUILT OR
INNOCENCE

RULE OF LAW

THE IDEA THAT
LAWS, NOT PEOPLE'S
PERSONAL WISHES,
SHOULD GOVERN
SOCIETY FAIRLY AND
EQUALLY

PUBLIC TRIAL

THE IDEA THAT TRIALS
SHOULD BE OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC SO THAT
EVERYONE CAN SEE
THE PROCESS IS BEING
FOLLOWED FAIRLY

ARBITRARY
RULE

DECISIONS MADE BY
ONE PERSON IN
POWER WITHOUT
FAIRNESS OR CLEAR
LAWS

Peers or Power Sorting Card Game Side 2A



Peers or Power Sorting Card Game Side 2B

MAGNA CARTA (1215)	PROMISED TRIALS BY PEERS AND PROTECTION FROM ARBITRARY PUNISHMENT	5TH AMENDMENT	GUARANTEES THE RIGHT TO A GRAND JURY, FORBIDS DOUBLE JEOPARDY, AND PROTECTS AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION
6TH AMENDMENT	GUARANTEES THE RIGHT TO A PUBLIC TRIAL, THE RIGHT TO A LAWYER, THE RIGHT TO AN IMPARTIAL JURY, AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHO YOUR ACCUSERS ARE	7TH AMENDMENT	GUARANTEES THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN CERTAIN CIVIL DISPUTES, ESPECIALLY WHERE MONEY OR PROPERTY ARE INVOLVED
8TH AMENDMENT	PROHIBITS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS AND RESTRICTS EXCESSIVE FINES AND BAIL	SELF- INCRIMINATION	SAYING SOMETHING THAT SHOWS YOU ARE GUILTY OF A CRIME
DUE PROCESS	FAIR TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW; THE GOVERNMENT MUST FOLLOW RULES BEFORE TAKING SOMEONE'S RIGHTS	PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE	THE IDEA SOMEONE IS CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY AND THERE MUST BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVINCE A JUDGE OR JURY THAT SOMEONE IS GUILTY