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Lesson Title: Comparing rights found in the United States Constitution and Moroccan Constitution

Sources:

1. Morocco Constitution: https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Morocco_2011.pdf
See Title II: Pages 8-12 - Articles 19-40.
2. United States Constitution Bill of Rights:
<http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/founding-documents/bill-of-rights/>
3. Handout to fill out that goes along with the assignment.

Procedure:

1. Have students locate Morocco and The United States on a map or show them where it is on a map. Ask students what factors they think determine what rights citizens have in a country. Geography? History? (5 minutes)
2. Have students brainstorm a list of rights they think people in a country should have. They can do this on their own or in small groups. Use the provided handout.
3. Use the provided handout and have students brainstorm a list of rights they think are found in The US Constitution and The Constitution of Morocco. Have them write these down in each column. Have them circle the rights they think are found in both countries. Discuss as a class. (5 minutes)
4. Divide students into groups of 2 or 3 and have them read through The US Bill of Rights and write down all the rights they find. Discuss as a class. (5-10 minutes)
<http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/founding-documents/bill-of-rights/>
5. Divide students into groups of 2 or 3 and assign them 2-3 articles from Articles 19-40 found in the Constitution of Morocco. These are found in Title II: pages 8-12. Have students find if there is a corresponding amendment which protects these rights in the

3. Make a list of rights or freedoms found in The Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments) of the United States Constitution:

<http://www.billofrightsinsitute.org/founding-documents/bill-of-rights/>

4. Articles in the Constitution of Morocco my group has been assigned:

5. Which rights or freedoms are protected in these articles?

6. Amendments in the Bill of Rights these articles correspond with:

7. What rights are protected in both countries?

8. What do you think are the two most important rights that a government should protect? Why?

9. Write down one question you still have about the US Constitution Bill of Rights.

10. Write down one question you still have about the rights found in the Moroccan Constitution.