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THE SIXTH **AMENDMENT**

PART I: LAWYER UP — Imagine you are a lawyer who has been appointed to defend an accused criminal. Your client has never heard of the Sixth Amendment and is concerned their trial won't be fair. In 5-7 sentences, explain the rights guaranteed in the Sixth Amendment to your client. Be sure to use simple language and cover each point in the amendment. The full text of the amendment is provided below.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

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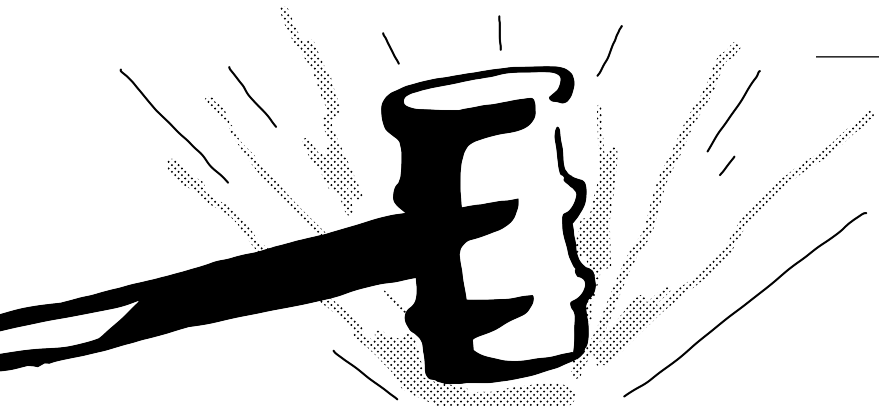
PART II: YOU BE THE JUDGE — Multiple Supreme Court rulings argued that the denial of the right to legal counsel violated the 14th Amendment. Read Section 1 of the 14th Amendment below, and answer the question that follows in 4-6 sentences.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

How does denying an accused person the right to legal counsel deprive them of "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law?"