E-RESOURCE CENTER

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 101

Review Sheet for "Corrections" Unit

Instructions:

- Review the main ideas from the unit in the text.
- Test your understanding by completing the questions. If you want help answering the questions, go to exercise 4, "Prisoner's rights."

Prisoner's Rights

Despite the loss of many fundamental rights—like the rights to vote, to hold public office, or to sit on juries—prisoners, as human beings incarcerated in the United States, are still entitled to certain other protections guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. The prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment in the Eight Amendment has been used by the courts to justify the creation of certain prisoner rights. The Eight Amendment, for example, has been used to restrict the amount of force as well as to indicate the type of force that prison staff can use against prisoners. The civil rights movement in the 1960s has also brought attention to the conditions of life in prison, and which has succeeded in expanding prisoner rights.

Explain four rights that prisoners have.

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