

US Constitution Study Guide

1. Define Popular Sovereignty
2. Define Federalism:
3. What is a Social Contract?
4. What is the purpose of a Checks and Balance System?
5. How many Expressed Powers does the Constitution give to Congress?
6. Name two Expressed Powers.
7. Why is Separation of Power important?
8. Why is it important for the Minority to have Rights if the Majority Rules?
9. List 3 ways to be a US Citizen.
10. Why is it important to become a citizen?
11. List 3 ways a citizen may participate in Government.
12. Define the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution

Name _____

13. What is a Necessary and Proper clause?
14. Define Unalienable Rights.
15. Who assumes the office of President if he dies while in office?
16. Who takes that person's place? How is that person selected?
17. List the first 5 people in line to the Presidency.
18. Who is in line after those first 5?
19. Who is the "Father of the Constitution?"
20. Who used an important speech to say that the government is "of the people, by the people and for the people?" Also, name the speech.
21. Where is that phrase in the Constitution?
22. Define Preamble as it applies to the Constitution.
23. The constitution provides for a bi-cameral congress. What does bi-cameral mean.
24. What is the purpose of Congress?

Name _____

25. How is the House of Representatives involved in the impeachment of a President?

26. How is the Senate involved in the impeachment of a President?

27. What is the purpose of the President's Cabinet?

28. Who selects the Cabinet?

29. How are Cabinet members approved for the job?

30. List the steps in electing a President/Vice President.

31. What powers does the Supreme Court have?

32. How does a person get on the Supreme Court?

33. How is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court chosen?

34. List the three branches of government.

35. What is the duty of each branch?

36. Name one check and balance of each branch of government.

37. What happens to a bill if the House version and Senate version don't match?

38. What happens to a bill if the president refuses to sign it OR veto it?

Name _____

- 39. What does it take to override a presidential veto?
- 40. Who is stronger, the Federal government or state governments?
- 41. Who has the Supreme Power?
- 42. Where are the unalienable rights of US citizens found?
- 43. What is a Direct Democracy?

AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

- 44. The first Ten Amendments to the US Constitution are called what?
- 45. How many times has the constitution been amended?
- 46. Why wouldn't the Anti Federalists ratify the constitution without the Bill of Rights?
- 47. Name the two ways to amend the Constitution.
- 48. What percentage is needed to get a Constitutional amendment ready for a vote?
- 49. What percentage of a vote is needed to pass a Constitutional amendment?
- 50. Name 4 provisions of the 5th Amendment.
- 51. When a person is being questioned by the police and refuses to speak, that person says "I'll take the _____" meaning he/she is claiming his/her constitutional right not to incriminate him/herself.

Name _____

52. List the purpose of each of the following amendments (this IS on the test)

First
Second
Fourth
Fifth
Sixth
Seventh
Eighth
Tenth

After the Bill of Rights, there are 14 additional amendments on the test. List the purpose of each:

12 th	19 th
13 th	21 st
14 th	22 nd
15 th	23 rd
16 th	25 th
17 th	26 th
18 th	27 th

Put the following in order of their passage. You will need to find the dates in the PowerPoint hand out.

Or use logic!

Declaration of Independence

Bill of Rights

Constitution

Constitutional Convention

Name _____

Fill in the following chart for the 3 branches of Government.

	Supreme Court	President	House of Rep.	Senate
Age Requirement	X			
Time Required as a US Citizen	X			
Length of Term				
Leader		X		
Number of members		X		
Branch of Government				
Primary Job				

Essay Question. You will fill in the blanks to the Preamble to the Constitution.

We the _____ of the _____ in Order to form a more perfect
 _____, establish _____, insure domestic _____,
 provide for the common _____ promote the general _____,
 and secure the _____ of Liberty to ourselves and our _____
 do ordain and establish this _____ for the _____ States of
 _____.