

What part of the Constitution lists the six goals and states that the people of the U.S. are the authority for the Constitution?

Preamble

Which branch of government does
the Constitution give the power to
make laws?

Legislative Branch

A member of the U.S. House of Representatives serves a term of?

2 years; Unlimited amount of terms

How is the number of members in
the House of Representatives
determined?

By the census; 435 members is determined by the states' population

How many senators are elected
from each state?

2 Members

What is the number of years in a term of office for a senator?

6 Years; Unlimited amount of terms

Who presided over the Senate?

Vice President

Where must all bills begin?

Congress; Either the Senate or the House of Reps depending on the bill

What is one thing the federal government is forbidden to do?

Grant titles of nobility

What is one power that is denied
to the states?

Make treaties with other countries

Who has the power to enforce the laws?

Executive Branch

How long is the term of office of
the President?

4 year

How long must a person be a
citizen of the U.S. in order to run
for President?

Since birth (natural-born citizen)

Who is next in line for the
presidency AFTER the vice-
president?

Speaker of the House; Then members
of the cabinet starting with the
Secretary of State

Who has the power to command
all the armed forces of the U.S.?

President

What are the first 10 amendments
of the Constitution called?

Bill of Rights

How many articles are part of the
Constitution?

7 Articles

Which amendment guarantees
freedom of religion, speech, and
the press?

1st Amendment

What is an article?

A part of the Constitution that explains or outlines the constitution.

What is an amendment?

Way to change the Constitution

According to Amendment 22, how
many terms of office may a
President serve?

2 Terms

How many senators make up the
Senate?

100 Members

According to Amendment 26, how old must a U.S. citizen be in order to vote?

18 years old

How many members are in the
Supreme Court?

9 Justices

The vice-president is president of
the Senate but only votes when?

There is a tie

Who appoints the Supreme Court
Justices?

President

If the president doesn't act on a bill within 10 days, what could happen to the bill?

Pocket Veto

What does the system of Checks
and Balances accomplish?

Allows each branch of government power without one branch gaining too much power

What is naturalization?

The process of immigrants becoming
U.S. citizens

Who elects U.S. Senators?

The people

How many times does Congress have to be in session each year?

Once

How often can the number of
representatives from each state
change?

Every 10 years with the census; The number of members each state gets is determined by the state's population.

What is a census?

A count of the U.S. population

What are the qualifications to run
for U.S. President?

- Natural born citizen
- 35 years of age
- Resident of the U.S. for at least 14 years

What are the qualifications to run
for U.S. Representative?

- At least 25 years of age
- U.S. citizen for at least seven years
- An inhabitant of the state he/she represents

What are the qualifications to run
for U.S. Senate?

- At least 30 years old
- U.S. citizen for at least 9 years
- A resident of the state he/she represents

Where did the delegates meet to
write the U.S. Constitution?

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

What is prohibited under the 18th
Amendment?

Alcohol

How many total members of
House of Representatives are
there?

435 Members

What is Judicial Review?

The process by which the courts interpret the meaning of the Constitution and the laws passed under it.

What is the highest court in the
land?

Supreme Court

How long do Supreme Court
Justices serve?

Life

How many amendments are in the
Constitution?

27 Amendments

All bills must be passed by WHO
before going to the president?

Both houses of Congress

What are your
duties/responsibilities as an
American citizen?

- Serve on a jury
- Vote responsibly
- Elect members of government
- Limit how long government leaders can be in office

What was the first American
constitution called?

Articles of Confederation

What is the Electoral College?

A system of electors who select the
president

Which amendment repeals the prohibition(18th Amendment)?

21st Amendment

What are our civil rights called?

Basic Rights

Who is the father of the
constitution?

James Madison

What was the Bill of Rights
designed to do?

To protect U.S. citizens from a
powerful government

What is the Elastic Clause in Article 1?

Congress can make any law it needs to
in order to run the country and do its
job

What amendment keeps state
from making discriminatory laws?

14th Amendment

Which amendments are called the Civil War Amendments? Why?

13, 14, 15

These amendments are called the Civil War Amendments because they deal with abolishing slavery and giving all citizens full rights without any discrimination.

What is a government called that elects representatives to provide its democracy?

Republic

What does ratify mean?

To add or change

What is the Great Compromise?

The new government that would consist of two houses of Congress.

Which amendment gives citizens
the right to have a warrant before
police can search or seize your
property?

4th Amendment

What amendment deals with your rights as accused? What does this mean?

5th Amendment; innocent until proven
guilty

Which amendment protects
against excessive bail or cruel and
unusual punishment?

8th Amendment

Who can impeach the president?

- House of Representatives
- Senate is the jury in impeachment cases
- Supreme Court presides over the trial

What does Congress do in the government?

Makes laws

Deals with how money is spent

How can Congress override a veto
by the President?

2/3rds vote in both houses (Senate
and House of Representatives)