

The Constitution

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. This section of the Constitution states why it was written.
a. Amendments
b. Bill of Rights
c. Preamble
d. Articles
- _____ 2. This elevated the Supreme Court to a status balancing the powers of the other branches.
a. enumerated powers
b. judicial review
c. Constitutional amendment
d. judicial activism
- _____ 3. The Framers wrote this section of the Constitution for a changing nation.
a. Bill of Rights
b. Articles
c. Preamble
d. Amendments
- _____ 4. The first 10 amendments are called the
a. Bill of Rights.
b. Constitution.
c. Preamble.
d. enumerated Articles.
- _____ 5. This Amendment protects the freedom of speech.
a. Fifth Amendment
b. Fifteenth Amendment
c. First Amendment
d. Twenty-first Amendment
- _____ 6. In this part of the Constitution, the three branches of the government are named.
a. Amendments
b. Articles
c. Supremacy Clause
d. Preamble
- _____ 7. The president can check Congress by this power.
a. override
b. veto
c. separation of power enactment
d. judicial review
- _____ 8. This branch of government is the final authority on the Constitution.
a. Congress
b. legislative
c. executive
d. Supreme Court
- _____ 9. This gives Congress the right to make all "necessary and proper" laws.
a. expressed powers
b. jurisdiction
c. judicial review
d. elastic clause
- _____ 10. Article II of the Constitution is important because it
a. describes expressed powers.
b. describes enumerated powers.
c. describes the executive branch.
d. describes the legislative branch.
- _____ 11. The only method of amending the Constitution that has been used to date is by
a. judicial activism.
b. petition.
c. national convention.
d. two-thirds vote of each house.

Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. First Amendment | f. Sixth Amendment |
| b. Second Amendment | g. Seventh Amendment |
| c. Third Amendment | h. Eighth Amendment |
| d. Fourth Amendment | i. Ninth Amendment |
| e. Fifth Amendment | j. Tenth Amendment |

- _____ 12. Jury Trial in Civil Cases
- _____ 13. Self Incrimination, Double Jeopardy, Due Process
- _____ 14. Rights Retained by the People
- _____ 15. Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly, Petition
- _____ 16. Quartering of Troops
- _____ 17. Reserved Powers of the States
- _____ 18. Search and Seizure
- _____ 19. Fair Trial
- _____ 20. Bear Arms
- _____ 21. Cruel and Unusual Punishment

Short Answer

Understanding Concepts

- 22. **Separation of Powers** Briefly explain the role the president, Congress, and federal courts in passing and carrying out the laws of the United States.
- 23. List and describe four major principles of the Constitution.
- 24. Briefly explain the process of amending the Constitution.

C 1.

B 2.

D 3.

A 4.

C 5.

B 6.

B 7.

D 8.

D 9.

C 10.

D 11.

G 12.

E 13.

I 14.

A 15.

C 16.

J 17.

D 18.

F 19.

B 20.

H 21.