

## *The Constitution of the United States*

### I. The Preamble

a. What reasons are giving for the writing and creation of the Constitution?

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_
- v. \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Where does the power of the government come from?

- i. \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Article I – The Legislative Branch

#### a. Section 2 – The House of Representatives

- i. How long is a member of the House elected for? \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. What are the qualifications for being a member of the House of Representatives?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. How do we determine how many representatives each state has?  
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- iv. How are slaves counted? \_\_\_\_\_
- v. How are Native Americans counted? \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. Who is the leader in the House of Representatives? \_\_\_\_\_
- vii. What power belongs solely to the House? \_\_\_\_\_

#### b. Section 3 – The Senate

- i. How many senators does each state have? \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. How long is a senator in office for? \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. How are state senators selected? \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. What are the qualifications to be a Senator?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
- v. Who is the President of the Senate? \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. The Senate has sole power over what? \_\_\_\_\_

#### c. Section 7 – Passing Laws

- i. Where do tax laws have to originate from? \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. How does a bill become a law?

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**d. Section 8 – Powers Granted to Congress**

i. List 5 of the powers granted to Congress

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ii. The Elastic Clause

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**e. Section 9 – Powers Denied to the Federal Government**

i. Slave trade – tell about the compromise the North and South made about the slave trade.

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**f. Section 10 – Powers denied to the States**

i. List three things the states cannot do.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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**III. Article 2 – The Executive Branch**

**a. Section 1 – President and Vice President**

i. How long does a President hold office? \_\_\_\_\_

ii. By which method is the President elected? \_\_\_\_\_

iii. What are the requirements to be eligible to serve as President?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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iv. Who becomes President if the office of the President has a vacancy? \_\_\_\_\_

v. The Oath of Office

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**b. Section 2 – Powers of the President**

i. What are the main powers of the President?

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**c. Section 3 – Duties of the President**

- i. List the duties of the President.

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**d. Section 4 – Impeachment**

- i. What things could the President be impeached for?

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**IV. Article 3 – The Judicial Branch**

**a. Section 1 – Federal Courts**

- i. What court in the United States has ultimate and final power? \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. How long does a judge in this position serve? \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. What are the requirements to be a judge in this court? \_\_\_\_\_  
iv. How are the judges of this court chosen? (see Article 2, Section 2)

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**V. Article 4 – Relations Among the States**

**a. Section 3 – New States and Territories**

- i. Who decides to admit new states? \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Article 5 – The Amending Process**

- a. List the two methods available for an amendment to the Constitution.

- i. \_\_\_\_\_  
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ii. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**VII. Article 6 – National Supremacy**

- a. What is the Supreme Law of the Land? \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. Article 7 – Ratification of the Constitution**

- a. How many states had to approve the Constitution before it became law? \_\_\_\_\_

\* What day was the Constitution signed? \_\_\_\_\_

List five signers of the Constitution whose names you recognize:

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