

7. How many states are there in the USA? _____

8. How many Senators does each state get? _____

9. Which Article and Section of the Constitution tells about the Senate? (look on page ____)

Article # _____ Section # _____

Use complete sentences for # 10:

10. There are 435 representatives in the House of Representatives. How is the number of representatives from each state determined?

Explain why it is fair that some states have more representatives than others. (See the bottom half of page _____ and practice saying and writing that answer.) Be sure to include why it is fair to the people and to the representatives.

11. Which article and section of the Constitution tells about the House of Representatives?

Article # _____ Section # _____

12. Write at least two synonyms (words that mean the same as) for **federal**?

- _____
- _____

13. Fill in the missing steps for how a bill becomes a law....

An idea is given to _____ in the Congress.

A House member writes a bill based on the idea.

A House committee reviews the bill.

_____.

The House _____ and the bill passes.

The Senate committee meets to discuss the bill.

The Senate debates the bill on the _____.

_____ and the bill passes.

_____.

The bill becomes a law.

14. If the President doesn't want to sign the bill, what other choices does s/he have?

S/he can reject it with a _____ or _____ it, in which case it will become a law in 10 days without the his/her signature.

15. In order to override a veto, the House and the Senate must take another _____ on

the bill and get a _____ majority to vote "yes."

Using this word bank, match these pictures of the people to their name and title.

President

Senator

Senator

Representative

Representative

Vice President

Susan Collins

Jared Golden

Chellie Pingree

Angus King

Donald Trump

Michael Pence



16. Name _____ Title _____



17. Name _____ Title _____



18. Name _____ Title _____



19. Name _____ Title _____



20. Name _____ Title _____



21. Name _____ Title _____

(Note: These are the exact photos used on the test; so, be able to identify these people from memory!)

22. What is the title for a Supreme Court judge? _____
How many are on the Court at one time, usually? _____

Write a sentence or two telling the “Important Thing” for the:

23. Declaration of Independence: _____

24. U.S. Constitution: _____

In what historical U.S. **city** were both of the above documents written? _____ Look it up!

25. Legislative Branch: _____

26. Executive Branch: _____

27. Judicial Branch: _____

28. Separation of Powers/Checks and Balances: *(Please be sure you understand this concept and have memorized how to explain it.)*

29. Who is considered the Father of Our Country? _____

30. Who is considered the Father of the Constitution? _____

31. List the six goals upon which the Constitution was built: *(Hint: Found in the Preamble)*

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| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

32. Why were the citizens in 1787 suspicious of a strong, central government? *(Challenging question. Think back to our discussion on the complaints found in the Declaration of Independence. You really need to think about it. Hint: Watch the music video, "Too Late to Apologize" again, if you can. The words to the song are also on a page in your unit. Also, look on page ____.)*

33. How many Articles are there in the U.S. Constitution? _____

34. How many Amendments are there in the U.S. Constitution? _____

35. What is an amendment? _____

36. Where is our nation's capital? _____

37. How many executive departments are there? _____

38. How does a Supreme Court justice get his or her job? _____

39. How can the executive branch check (limit) the power of the legislative branch after the Congress passes a law?

40. How can the legislative branch check the President's power to appoint a Supreme Court justice?

41. How can the judicial branch check the power of the legislative branch after a law is passed?

42. Describe one other example of checks and balances.

43. Why did the framers develop a government where there is a separation of powers?

44. List three ways that the U.S. Constitution is flexible.

45. Which amendment lists the four ways we are free to express ourselves? _____

Name _____

The Constitution and The 3 Branches of Government Review Sheet

Use your current unit section of your binder to find the answers to these questions...Or maybe you will just know them! You do not need to use complete sentences unless they are asked for specifically.

1. What document announced that the USA was a new country, free from British control?
2. What document gives the rules/laws of the government in the USA?
3. What is the introduction to the Constitution called? (Hint: It begins with “We the People”)
4. What do you call people who are born in the country or naturalized after being legal aliens?
5. How many branches of government does the USA have? _____
6. Identify each building by name, which branch of government each is associated with and the purpose of each branch:



Name of Building _____

Branch _____

Purpose of Branch _____



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Branch _____

Purpose of Branch _____

Match the vocabulary words on this list to the definitions given. Know these for the test.

majority legislator interpret democratic republic
federalism address jurisdiction unconstitutional opinion

46. _____ - **the power to hear certain kinds of cases.**
Federal courts have _____ over cases involving two or more states.

47. _____ - **an amount that is at least half plus one**
In order for a bill to pass, a _____ of Senators and Representatives must vote for it.

48. _____ - **in conflict with, or not allowed by, the Constitution**
When the Brown v. Board of Education case was decided, Jim Crow Laws, which allowed segregation became _____.

49. _____ - **a speech**
The President gives the State of the Union _____ each year.

50. _____ - **to tell the meaning of the law**
It is the job of the Supreme Court to _____ the laws.

51. _____ - **a lawmaker**
The _____ listened to many different comments before deciding if she would vote for the bill about drilling for oil in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge.

52. _____ - **a system of government where the national and state governments share powers, so that neither becomes too powerful on its own.**
The idea of _____ in the United States of America was created at the Constitutional Convention.

53. _____ - **a form of government where people vote directly on some laws but also vote for representatives to decide on other laws**
The USA has a form of government called a _____.

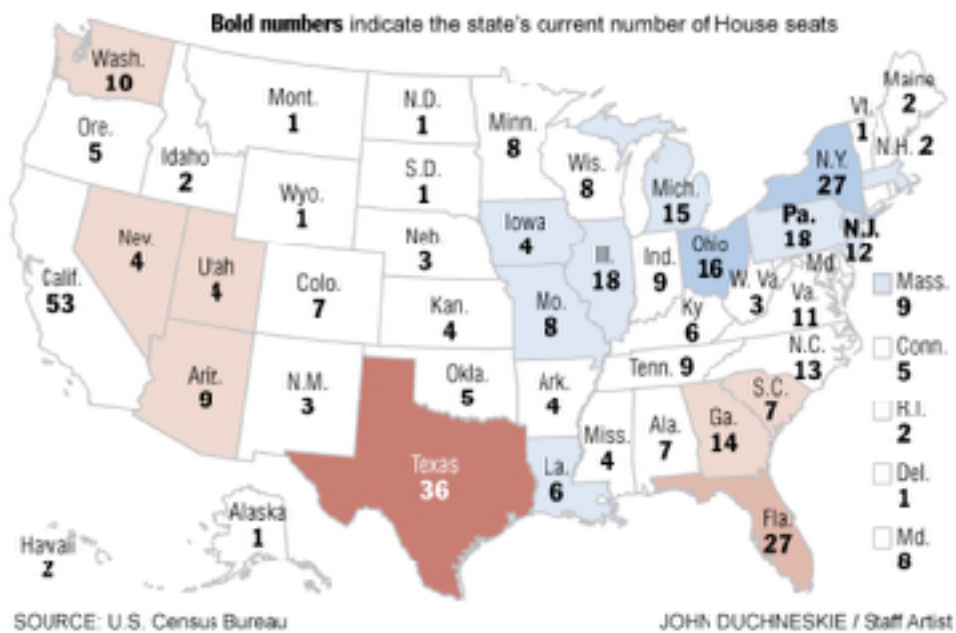
54. _____ - **the written explanation of a decision by the Supreme Court**
The justices hand down a majority _____ and a dissenting _____ on each case they hear.

55. The electoral vote is used to elect the President of the United States:

- *First, citizens vote in their states.*
- *The candidate with the most (popular) votes in a state will be awarded the electoral votes of that state.*
- *The candidate who wins the overall majority of the electoral votes, from all states, will win the election.*
- *The number of electoral votes given to a state is determined by adding together the number of state representatives plus the number state senators, which is two, because all states get two senators.*

***Here is the formula for determining the electoral votes that a state gets:**

of representatives _____ + **# of senators** (2) = **# of electoral votes for the state** _____



- How many **representatives** does Iowa have? _____
- How many **representatives** does Florida have? _____
- How many **senators** does Maine have? _____
- How many **senators** does Indiana have? _____
- How many **electoral votes** does Utah get? _____
- Which state has more **representatives**, Pennsylvania or North Carolina? _____
- Which state has more **senators**, Oklahoma or Minnesota? _____
- Which state has more **electoral votes**, New Hampshire or Oregon? _____
- If you were running for President, which three states would you spend a lot of time and money campaigning in? _____

Applying the Amendments: Read the situations below. Then answer the questions by reading and interpreting the amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Remember that you are not being asked to agree or disagree with the amendment. Based on the amendments, **as they exist**, you need to decide how you would rule on each case.

(Use your blue pages that tell you about the amendments, like we did for the cases in class.)

58. A local animal rights organization doesn't like the city's dog leash ordinance. The organization plans a protest march and makes sure they have a permit. While marching down Main Street, on the day of the protest, the leader is jailed. Store owners had complained that the protest was blocking traffic and hurting business. Some people believe this was an illegal arrest.

Which amendment would be looked at when deciding this case? _____

You are the Judge...Do you think the arrest was legal? Yes No

59. A student's religion expresses a belief in stopping to pray at five times during the day. As an expression of that religion, the student stops participating in class and kneels for prayer twice during the school day. The school suspends the student for disrupting the learning environment. Some people think the student should not have been disciplined for praying at school.

Which two amendments would be used to decide this case? _____ and _____

You are the Judge...Does the law allow the student to be suspended? Yes No

60. A woman is caught stealing a loaf of bread from a local city store. She is arrested and convicted of the crime. The judge gives her a two-part sentence:

1. 30 days in jail.
2. Report to the local police department every Saturday for one year in order to receive one strike over the palm of her hand for every theft arrest made that week by the police in that department.

The judge says this will remind her not to steal. Some people believe the sentence is unconstitutional.

Which amendment would be looked at when deciding this case? _____

You are the Judge...Does the law allow for this punishment? Yes No

WOW! You have learned so much! Practice these questions and you will ace the test!

Please use the answer key that will be passed out to you in a few days to check that your answers are correct! You don't want to study the wrong information!