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## Constitution Scavenger Hunt

1. In a few words each, summarize what each of the 7 articles is about:
  - a. Article I:
  - b. Article II:
  - c. Article III:
  - d. Article IV:
  - e. Article V:
  - f. Article VI:
  - g. Article VII:
2. Clause/section/article....Arrange these 3 in order from LARGEST to smallest.
3. What is the introduction to the Constitution called?

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ARTICLES (Note: Include WHERE you found the answer, if appropriate, in both ARTICLE and SECTION).

4. What article and section says the president is the leader of the army and navy?
5. Amendments to the Constitution must be ratified by what fraction of Congress and what fraction of the states?  
  
Where is this mentioned (article & section)?
6. What article and section says that Congress will be comprised of a House and Senate?
7. Which article and section says 9 states are needed to ratify the Constitution for it to become legal?
8. Which article and section says that if you are visiting a state, you must obey that state's laws (even if you do not live there)?
9. As governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo has decided he will take the NY National Guard and invade Canada. Can he do that? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is it addressed (article & section)?
10. I am president....I am tired of giving speeches. Further, thousands of people have written me asking me not to interrupt their favorite shows with the State of the Union address. I decide I will not give a State of the Union address as long as I am president. Can I do that? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is it addressed?
11. I live in Michigan. I went to Iowa and killed someone. I then went to Florida for vacation. I got caught for the Iowa murder while kicking back on the beach in Miami. Where will I be tried?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Where is this addressed?

12. The president would like to use more money to fight terrorism. To do so, he wants to raise income taxes. He needs to ask someone in Congress to submit a bill increasing the income tax. Which house of Congress must start this off? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this addressed?
13. Virginia has 11 people in the House and 2 in the Senate. How many electoral votes does it have? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this addressed?
14. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens was appointed to the Supreme Court by Richard Nixon (a Republican). During his time on the Court, he was regularly a liberal voice, which irritated Republicans. Could President Bush have removed Stevens from the Court? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? Where is this addressed?
15. After World War I, President Wilson went to Europe to help write the peace treaty that ended the War. Was he within his Constitutional powers when he negotiated a treaty? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is that addressed?
  - a. Did the treaty become activated as soon as he signed it? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is that addressed?

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AMENDMENTS:

16. What amendment gave 18-20 year olds the right to vote?
17. Which 2 amendments directly concern alcohol?
18. Which amendment allows you to burn the American flag? Explain.
19. In 1870, many black Americans were poor and illiterate. Many southern states required voters to pay a poll tax and/or pass literacy tests before voting. As a result, many blacks were not allowed to vote. Did states with policies like these violate the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not?
20. It is 1902. I make \$45,000 per year (I am rich). How much do I owe in FEDERAL income taxes? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this addressed?
21. Could George W. Bush be elected president again in 2012? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this addressed?
22. You are 18 and in Dr. G's class. You forgot to vote. When questioned by Dr. G, you explain that you could not vote because you could not afford the poll tax. Which amendment would Dr. G cite before writing a referral for lying to a teacher?
23. You are driving home from school and obey ALL laws. You are pulled over and the officer asks to search your car. She has no warrant nor probable cause. What amendment says you do not have to submit to this search?
24. I am accused of stealing a box of Velveeta from Giant food. I have no criminal record. I am held in jail for a year before my trial. The judge sets bail at \$10 million. I repeatedly ask to see my lawyer, but I am always told that all the state-appointed lawyers are busy helping other customers. Have my rights been violated? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which amendment protects me? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Continuing with #24.....I finally have the trial (and I really did steal the cheese). However, there is not enough evidence to convict me and I am freed. Three weeks later, the store owner realizes that he has a security videotape that clearly shows me stealing the cheese. Will I be retried, given that there is now new evidence against me? \_\_\_\_\_ What amendment answers this?

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS

26. Where are the formal (or “expressed” or “enumerated”) powers of Congress listed (give article and section)? \_\_\_\_\_ List 8 of them. (9

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27. According to Article 1, Section 3, Clause 1, how were Senators originally to be elected?

\_\_\_\_\_ How are they now elected?

What amendment changed this?

28 Where are the powers denied to Congress listed? \_\_\_\_\_ List 4.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

29. What does the last clause of Section 8 of Article 1 mean (it is called the “elastic clause” or “necessary and proper clause”)?

30. How old must you be to be elected to the House of Representatives? \_\_\_\_\_ Article and section?

31. Where are the formal powers of the president listed (article and section)? List 3.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

32. What is the only court mentioned in the Constitution? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where is it mentioned (article & section)? ( 2

33. What does Article 4, Section 3, Clause 1 give Congress the power to do?