

"It's the Constitution"

Directions: Write the question on one side of a note card and the answer on the back. There should only be one question per note card. PLEASE number your note cards!

January 10-Turn in Constitution letters and progress reports

1. What was the first American Constitution known as?
(The Articles of Confederation)
2. What year was the Constitution written?
(1787)
3. What were the two plans of government before our current Constitution?
(The Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan)

January 11~Have out Chap. 7-Sec. 1 packet

4. What part of the Constitution lists its six goals and states that the people of the US are the authority for the Constitution?
(the Preamble)
5. Who is known as "the father of the Constitution?"
(James Madison)
6. Who was the president during the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia?
(George Washington)

January 12

7. Who has the power to carry out or enforce the laws?
(the President/Executive Branch)
8. How long is the term of office of the President?
(one term is 4 years, two terms is 8 years)
9. How long must a person have been a citizen in order to become President of the US?
(he/she must be a native born citizen—born in US)

January 13—Have out your Preamble Scramble!

Wish Mrs. Sweatman a happy birthday today!!!

10. Who has the power to carry out or enforce the laws?
(the President/Executive Branch)
11. Who has the power to command all of the armed forces of the US?
(The President)
12. Who would become the President if both the President and the Vice-President were unable to serve?
(the speaker of the House of Representatives)

January 17~Turn in LATE crossword puzzles into hour tray.

Copy your assignments into your agenda!

13. Who has the power to pardon criminals?
(the President)
14. Who elects the President and Vice President of the United States?

(the electoral college)

15. According to the 22nd Amendment, how many terms of office may a President serve?

(2 elected terms of office=8 years)

16. Who is the current Vice-President of the U.S.?

(Joe Biden)

January 18

17. How can Congress override the Presidential veto of a bill?

(with a 2/3 vote from both houses—the House of Representatives and the Senate)

18. Who has the power to **impeach** a high public official?

(the House of Representatives)

19. A bill becomes a law when signed by the Congress and who else?

(the President)

20. Who is the current President of the United States?

(Barack Obama)

January 19-

21. How old must a person be in order to become President?

(35 years old)

22. What is the residency requirement for the President?

(he/she must live in the US for 14 consecutive

years, back-to-back, before running for office)

23. Name the 7 main jobs of the President.

*Head of State *Watchdog of the Economy

*Chief Executive *Chief Legislator

*Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces

*Chief Foreign Policy Maker

*Head of his/her Political Party

January 20

24. How old must a person be in order to become a member of the House of Representatives?

(25 years old)

25. What is the citizenship of a member of the Senate?

(9 years)

26. What is the number of years in one term for a member of the House of Representatives?

(2 years)

27. What is the residency of a member of the House of Representatives and of the Senate?

(live in the state he or she represents)

January 23~ Copy your assignments into your agenda!

28. To which branch of government does the Constitution give the power to make laws for the U.S.?

(The Legislative Branch)

29. How is the number of representatives that serve in the House of Representatives from each state decided?

(by the population of the state they represent)

(1 representative for every 500,000 people)

30. What is the citizenship requirement for a member of the House of Representatives?

(7 years a U.S. citizen)

31. What Article of the Constitution outlines the Legislative Branch?

(Article I—it is the first Article after the Preamble)

January 24~

32. How many representatives total make up the House of Representatives?

(435)

33. What do patents protect?

(Inventions and ideas)

34. How old must a person be to become a senator?

(30 years old)

35. How many senators are elected from each state? (2)

January 25~

36. Where do all bills for raising money begin?

(in the House of Representatives)

37. Who generally presides over meetings of the Senate?
(Vice-President)

38. What is the number of years in one term of office for a Senator?
(6 years)

39. What is the number of years in one term of office for a Representative?
(2 years)

January 26th -

40. What clause gives Congress the power to make all laws needed to carry out powers granted in the first 17 clauses of Article I of the Constitution?
(Clause 18—the Elastic Clause)

41. Who has the power to declare war?
(Congress)

42. How many members of the House of Representatives or the Senate must be present to hold meetings for business?
(a quorum—which means more than half)

43. Who has the power to add new states to the Union?
(Congress)

January 27th~

44. Who is not allowed to make treaties with other countries?
(the states)

45. How is the District of Columbia (D.C.) governed?
(Congress)

46. What is the constitutional right that insures that a person can not be held prisoner without just cause?
(Habeas Corpus—a body can not be in jail without a reason, just cause)

47. What does the process of naturalization concern?
(becoming a U.S. citizen)

January 30th~ COPY ASSIGNMENTS INTO YOUR AGENDA!

48. What is a law that makes unlawful something that was NOT illegal at the time it was done?
(an ex post facto law—meaning after the fact)

49. Who is our current IL representative to the U.S. Congress?
(Aaron Schock)

50. Who are our current senators in Congress from IL?
(Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk)

51. Who is our current representative in the 97th District?
(Jim Watson~ ☺)

January 31st~

52. Where does judicial power reside?
(with the Supreme Court and all lower courts as set up by Congress)

53. What article in the Constitution is the Judicial Branch?

(Article 3)

54. Which branch of government interprets the laws?
(Judicial Branch)

55. Who is the head of the Supreme Court?
(the Chief Justice)

February 1~Note card quiz today!!!!

56. How many justices (judges) sit on the Supreme Court?
(9)

57. What is the term of office for a justice?
(Life ~ justices may retire, resign, or be impeached)

58. What is the tactic of continuing to speak against a bill in order to block its passage called?
(a filibuster—someone is trying to “bust” the bill so it will not become a law)

59. The first 10 Amendments to the Constitution are called _____?
(The Bill of Rights ~ ratified in 1791)

February 2~Copy assignments into your agenda

60. Which amendment guarantees freedom of religion, press, speech, petition, and assembly?
(the 1st Amendment)

61. What is the government's right to acquire private property at

fair price for the benefit of all of the people known as?
(Eminent Domain)

62. Which amendment abolished slavery in the U.S.?
(13th Amendment)

63. What is one thing that the U.S. government and the states is forbidden to do?
(give titles of nobility, pass an ex post facto law, or habeas corpus)

February 3~

64. What crime is defined as carrying on war against the U.S. or helping enemies of the U.S.?
(treason)

65. What is one way an amendment to the Constitution can be ratified?
(by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote from a Constitutional Convention or $\frac{3}{4}$ approval by states' conventions)

66. Which amendment states that no one can be forced to say anything that would help convict himself or herself of a federal crime? (the 5th Amendment—they plead the 5th)

February 6

67. Which amendment prohibits unreasonable search and seizure?
(the 4th Amendment)

68. What amendment lowered the legal voting age from 21 to 18 years of age?

(the 26th Amendment)

69. Which amendment gave American women the right to vote?

(the 19th Amendment—Mrs. A's favorite amendment😊)

70. According to the 23rd Amendment, which Americans were given a voice in choosing the President and Vice-President?

(The residents living in the District of Columbia)

February 7

71. According to the 26th Amendment, how old must you be to vote?

(18 years old and be a registered voter)

72. What is one responsibility of U.S. citizens required by law?

(to pay income taxes)

73. Which amendment gave black American men the right to vote?

(Amendment 15—Black Suffrage)

74. Prohibition and the repeal of Prohibition are what amendments respectively—in order.

(Amendment 18 and Amendment 21)

February 8~ Also have ALL of your notecards here tomorrow. *I will be taking a grade on them!*

75. On the front of the note card, write "The Bill of Rights" 1791. On the back of this note card, list the Bill of Rights in order.

Example: Amendment 1-Freedom of religion, press, speech, petition and assembly

Amendment 2-Right to Bear Arms

(Use your green study guide to help you!)

February 9-24—Study your note cards for 7 minutes with a partner!
YOU MUST KNOW YOUR NOTE CARDS BY HEART!

MARCH 1ST!!!

TODAY IS THE **BIG** DAY!!

STUDY YOUR NOTE CARDS **QUIETLY** BEFORE
WE HEAD DOWN TO THE COMPUTER LAB!

THINK POSITIVE!

You **CAN** pass the Constitution Test!