

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **circle** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

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BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

7

BEGINNING

ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

The United States Constitution, written in 1787, is divided into different main sections. George Washington was chosen to be the president of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia by a unanimous vote (everyone chose him). The Preamble, Articles, and Amendments are the three main sections, and each of these sections has a different purpose. The Preamble, or introduction, is an explanation of why the Constitution was needed. The opening phrase of the Constitution's Preamble is "We the People". The Articles outline the three different branches of the government. There are a total of seven Articles. They also discuss specific powers and responsibilities of the government. The Amendments are additions or changes that have been added to the Constitution.

After the United States declared independence from Great Britain in 1776, many citizens were concerned about a government that was too powerful. They also were concerned about a government that did not treat the citizens fairly. The Constitution (plan of government) was carefully crafted to make sure the government could not be too powerful. The main objective was for the people to have control over the government, instead of the government having control over the people. The seven Articles in the Constitution were a way to make sure that power rested with the people. The Articles also maintained balance across the entire federal government. While the Founding Fathers were against a strong central government, the federal government was needed to hold all of the states together. The Articles would become the framework for the federal government of the United States.

The Articles discuss how the government is structured and how it will operate. The first three Articles establish the branches of government and outline their powers. The three branches of government are the legislative, executive, and judicial. The legislative branch is the Congress, the executive branch is the President. The judicial branch is the federal court system. The division of powers between the three branches creates a system of checks

3 How many Articles does the Constitution have?



3



10



7



27

4 Which branch enforces the laws?



Executive



Legislative



Judicial



Congress

5 What word means to approve?



Clause



Preamble



Amend



Ratify

6 Article VII explains that how many of 13 states are needed to approve the Constitution?



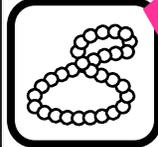
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The _____ is an explanation of why the _____ institution was needed.



Amendment



Resolution



Articles



Preamble

8

Article _____ says the judicial branch may interpret the laws.



IV



I



VI



III

9

Which Article _____ says that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land?



II



VI



XII



VII

10

Congress will be _____ (two houses).



Amended



Bicameral



Federal System



Unitary

CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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