

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

document	citizens	three
oldest	British	balance
Philadelphia	problems	federal

The United States Constitution is a _____ that states how the federal government should operate. It outlines what the federal government can do, as well as what the _____ (national) government cannot do. The U.S. Constitution also outlines the _____ branches of the government. Then it discusses the purpose of each branch in detail. The document is important because it protects the freedoms and rights of the _____. It outlines basic rights for all Americans. The Constitution is organized into seven different parts called Articles. The U.S. Constitution is the _____ government document that is still in use today.

The United States had a document before the Constitution called the Articles of Confederation. The Articles of Confederation had many major _____. The Articles did not allow the government to collect money. In turn, the government did not have any money to operate. In 1787, this issue and others were discussed at the Constitutional Convention in _____. Here, the Constitution was drafted to replace the Articles of Confederation. The Constitution created a system of federal government that could operate without impacting the basic rights of any of the citizens. At the Constitutional Convention, the writers decided that the government needed three branches to operate. The three branches created a _____ of power within the federal government. Each branch has a clear purpose, but none can become too powerful. This was very important to Americans at the time. They had just broken away from the tight rule of the _____ government. The three branches include the Legislative Branch, Executive Branch and the Judicial

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

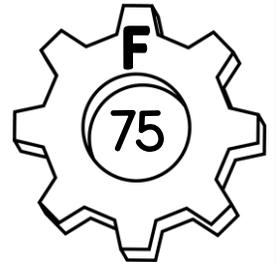


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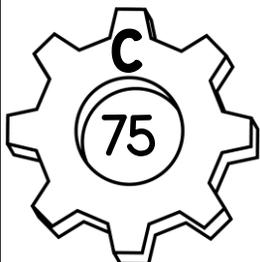
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



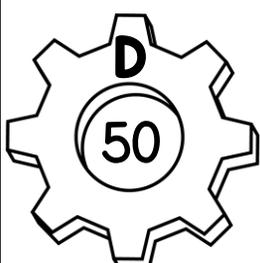
A. Thomas Jefferson is known as the Father of the Constitution.



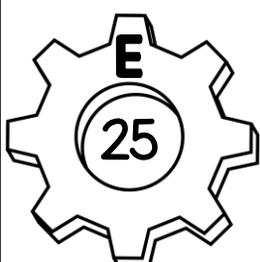
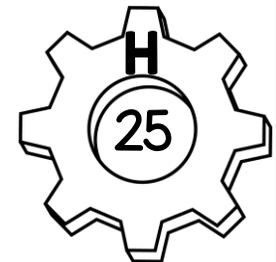
B. The word 'constitution' means plan of government.



C. The Constitution outlines how the three branches of government should operate.



D. The Constitution is organized into nine different parts called Articles.



E. The Constitutional Convention took place in Washington, DC.

F. The opening part of the Constitution is called the Preamble.

G. The Bill of Rights includes amendments 1-12.

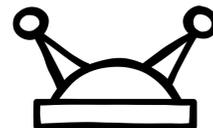
H. An amendment is a change or addition to the U.S. Constitution.

I. Another word for federal is national.

J. The Constitution created a parliamentary system of government.

TOTAL: _____

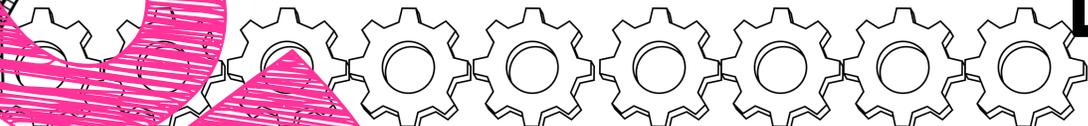
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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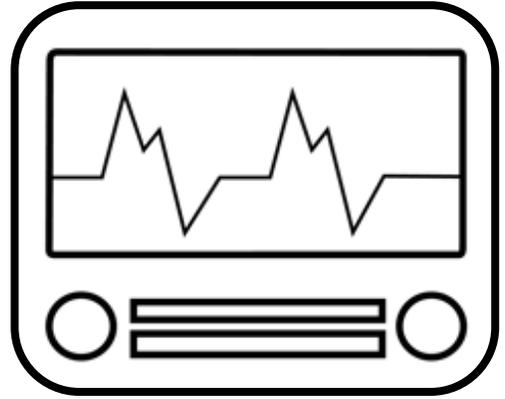
Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. What is the introduction to the Constitution called?
- A. Article I
 - B. Preamble
 - C. Amendment
 - D. Bill of Rights
2. Who is known as the father of the Constitution?
- A. George Washington
 - B. Samuel Adams
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
 - D. James Madison
3. When was the Constitutional Convention held?
- A. 1776
 - B. 1781
 - C. 1787
 - D. 1791
4. The U.S. Constitution outlines the _____ branches of the government.
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. 5
5. An _____ is a change or addition to the Constitution.
- A. Amendment
 - B. Article
 - C. Preamble
 - D. Bill
6. What word means plan of government?
- A. Constitution
 - B. Preamble
 - C. Article
 - D. Confederation
7. What are the first ten amendments called?
- A. Preamble
 - B. Rights of Attainder
 - C. Bill of Rights
 - D. Resolution
8. The US had a document before the Constitution called the Articles of _____.
- A. Rights
 - B. Congress
 - C. Federation
 - D. Confederation
9. At the time, Americans broke away from the tight rule of the _____ government.
- A. British
 - B. Spanish
 - C. German
 - D. French
10. Which is NOT a branch of the US government?
- A. Legislative
 - B. Parliament
 - C. Executive
 - D. Judicial

BOT CARDS

Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



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comprehension tasks.*

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