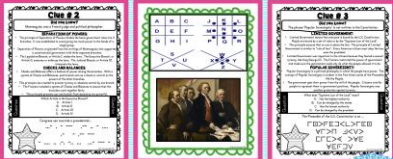



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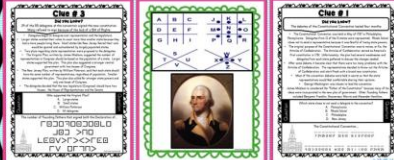
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THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

DID YOU KNOW?

The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. At the time, 18 year olds could be forced to serve in the military but couldn't vote.

The U.S. Constitution was written in the same Pennsylvania State House where the Declaration of Independence was signed. "Pensylvania" is spelled wrong in the document.

The Constitution was signed on September 17th, 1787. The Constitution is the supreme law of the United States of America.

The Constitution has 4,400 words.

It is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world.

The Constitution is stored in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. All four pages are behind protective glass lined with titanium. The cases contain argon gas and are kept at 67 degrees to preserve the parchment's quality.

Over the past 230 years, more than 11,000 amendments or changes, have been introduced in Congress.

As of 2019, two hundred and seven have received the necessary approval from the states to become amendments.

The first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights. Those amendments guarantee that U.S. citizens have their rights protected. The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791.

WORDS TO KNOW

Constitution—written plan of government
Supreme—highest ranking
Ratified—approved
Congress—national law-making body

SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

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How is the Constitution stored?

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Changes in the last 230 years

[BLUE] 

Where was the document written?

FOR OR AGAINST?

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

Which group was opposed to the Constitution?

☐

Anti-Federalists

☐

Federalists

☐

lists

Who was a leading Federalist?

☐

Madison

☐

Mason

☐

He

What is a change or addition to the Constitution?

☐

Ratify

☐

Clause

☐

Amendment

TRUE OR FALSE

Anti-Federalists wanted a list of rights for the people written in the Constitution.

TRUE

FALSE

The method to pass an amendment is with a two-thirds vote from Congress.

TRUE

FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK

The people who _____ or were against, the Constitution were known as Anti-Federalists.

People known as _____ (because they supported the federal government) were in favor of the Constitution.

WORD SEARCH

I S V F F T A P Z E N A E B O J
F Z P J G A M E N D M E N T L D V
H G J C A N H E N R Y I I T
C O N G R E S S O H Q P N Z X E J M X H
O P E D Z N Z R G K G I I B W
L J T Q U I G I D W H W M T U Z
A T I E D X X V C I U O P E C R
Y E Z E H A W O Q T C G N G D Q X
W A S T F R A M E R S Z X O M M X N
F E D E R A L I S T A D A U O R S O E P

AMENDMENT
RATIFIED
FEDERALIST
OPPOSED
CONGRESS
HENRY
LIMITED
FRAMERS
MADISON

THE PREAMBLE ANSWERS

DID YOU KNOW?

Congress is composed of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The Constitution has seven Articles (or sections) that detail the layout of the United States government. The first three articles define the powers of the three branches of government. The three branches are the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branch.

The Constitution made sure that no branch of the government could have too much power. This is called "Checks and Balances".

Other articles include states' rights and the amendment process.

The introduction paragraph is called the Preamble. The first three words are "We the people". The Preamble is the first part of the Constitution even though it was written last.

Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and George Washington were some of the Founding Fathers of the Constitution. James Madison is known as the "Father of the Constitution".

The Preamble was written during the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

The Preamble outlines the basic principles of our democracy. It introduces the concept of federalism which is the sharing of power between national and state governments.

WORDS TO KNOW

Preamble- introduction
Federal- strong central government
Principles- beliefs
Legislative- law-making branch

SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

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The first three words of the Preamble

[GREEN]

The three branches of government

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Basic principles outlined in the Constitution

FINAL APPROVAL ANSWERS

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

Out of 13, how many states had to approve the Constitution?

☐

7

☒

9

☐

When was the Articles of Confederation passed?

☒

1781

☐

1784

☐

1787

How many months did it take to "frame" the Constitution?

☒

3

☐

4

☐

5

TRUE OR FALSE

The word "democracy" does not appear in the Constitution.

TRUE

FALSE

The Constitution addressed or fixed many of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

TRUE

FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK

Due to the fact that there were no rights and slavery had not yet been abolished, three states refused to sign.

Constitution Day is celebrated on September 17, the anniversary of signing the document.

WORD SEARCH

H F H N X K M D J N F G S R A F
L V H A J I E S O R X N R O M J S Q
H T W E T A C E A V P R Y D
B T O I S Z Y P U T W Y M E G V Z C
D E R A T M I H U E R U B O D
S T N S T E E F G Y S N V Z K P
J R H M N Q M N Y T E W M J T V L
L F H H R B T U X F Q E S O O J
R J Z W H H Y E W A S H I N G T O N
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