

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY CONSTITUTION DATA

Things you would need to know to become a citizen of the USA!

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To answer the questions below, browse the text pages indicated and/or attack the constitution itself from both the text and the document (p. 564-584)

1. What was wrong with the Articles of Confederation government? Summarize five specific examples of the problems. (p.33)


2. What were the major points of disagreement between the Virginia (large state) Plan and the New Jersey (small state) Plan, in regard to the legislative branch and population? (p.36-38)

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3. Ben Franklin eventually suggested the Great Compromise. How did it synthesize (combine) the two plans into a structure acceptable to everyone? (p. 38)

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4. What was the issue involved with the 3/5ths Compromise? How did the resolution of the problem affect the nation's future? (p. 38-39)

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5. What was the reason for the Electoral College? Why was this seen as the most practical plan for presidential selection at the time? (p. 39)

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6. Be able to recognize the Preamble to the Constitution from memory! (p. 564)

ARTICLE I :



7. What branch of government does Article 1 define? What is the purpose of this part of the government? (p.67 & 564)

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8. How long do members of the House of Representatives serve in office? (p. 564)

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9. What are the three qualifications for members of the House of Representatives? (p. 564)


10. How many members of the House represent each state and how is that number determined? (p. 564-65)

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11. Currently, how many total members are elected to the House of Representatives? (p. 564)

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1. Who leads the meetings of the House? (title and name) (p. 565)

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2. How many members of the House currently represent the state of California?

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3. Who is the current member of the House representing the area where you live?

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1. How long do members of the Senate serve in office? (p. 565)

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3. How many members of the Senate represent each state? (p.565)

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4. Currently, how many total members are elected to the Senate?

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5. Who leads the meetings of the Senate? (title and name) (p. 565)

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6. If the leader of the Senate meetings is absent, who leads the meetings? (p. 565)

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7. Who are your current US Senators from California?

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8. What immunities are given to members of the legislative branch? (p.566)


9. What things are forbidden for members of the legislative branch? (p.567)

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10. What are some of the "expressed powers" of Congress that are written into Article 1? (p. 67-68 & 567-8)


11. Also, understand the concept of "implied" powers that are permitted by the "elastic clause" in Section 8. What is an example of an "implied power"? (p. 68 & 568)

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12. What are some powers specifically denied to Congress? (p. 69 & 568-9)

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ARTICLE II:



13. What branch of the government is defined in Article 2? What is the purpose of this part of the government? (p. 569)

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14. How long does the Chief Executive serve in office? (p.569)

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15. What are the three requirements to be elected President? (p. 570)


16. What is the State of the Union Address? (p. 571)

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17. Who are the current elected members of the Executive Branch?

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18. The president's appointed assistants are called the Cabinet. Who is the current Secretary of State (in charge of foreign relations), the current Secretary of Defense (in charge of the armed forces) and the current Attorney General (top law enforcement officer)?

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ARTICLE III:



United State Supreme Court as of June, 2006

19. What branch of the government is defined in Article 3? What is the purpose of this part of the government? (p. 572)

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20. Who appoints federal judges and who must approve the appointment? (p. 571)

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21. How long do federal judges serve in office? Why did the framers of the Constitution decide on this term of office for the federal bench?


22. Who is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

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23. How many total justices are on the Supreme Court?

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24. Who is the only African-American justice? Who was the first African-American justice?

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25. Who were the first two female justices?

