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AP Government “Summer” Work

AP Government will require you to do a high level of work and to have a basic understanding of the way the American government works in order to discuss concepts in depth. As such, you should be prepared to take your required U.S. Constitution exam the first week of the semester. You will turn this completed packet in with your exam. Answers will be reviewed in class just in case there is any confusion but feel free to email me with any questions: skrause@psd202.org.

Constitution Test Review Information

Origins of the U.S. Government

1. Our first constitution was...
2. Representatives from the states met to write a new constitution in this year...
3. They met in the city of_____in this building:
4. The main reason for changing the Articles of Confederation was because...
5. This philosopher’s ideas influenced the founders in the writing of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence:
6. The number of states that signed present at the Constitutional Convention and that signed the Constitution originally was...
7. Define New Jersey Plan:
8. Define Virginia Plan:
9. Define Connecticut Compromise:
10. Define 3/5th Compromise:
11. Define framers:
12. Define Federalists:
13. Define Anti-Federalists:
14. Define Republic:
15. Define the word constitution:

16. Define separation of powers:
17. Who is known as the Father of the Constitution?
18. Before the mid 1700's, the American colonies were largely self-....?
19. Which characteristic of the Constitution did the Anti-Federalists find most fault with?
20. Which state was the last to ratify the Constitution?

The Constitution

21. The highest court in the judicial branch is...?
22. The Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section VIII) is also referred to as...? (two answers)
23. Judges of the Supreme Court must be nominated by...?
24. Questions about interpreting the Constitution are settled by...?
25. In Article IV of the Constitution, every state is required to have this type of government...
26. The total number of amendments to the Constitution is...
27. The amendment that was later repealed was the...
28. Invoking the 5th amendment means that an accused person has the right to...
29. The right of all citizens to vote regardless of race is guaranteed by this amendment:
30. What is the impact of *Marbury v. Madison*?
31. Define popular sovereignty (not the Stephen Douglas version):
32. List two ways the legislative branch check the judicial branch.
33. The Constitution sets forth your basic rights in these Amendments:
34. What is a formal amendment?
35. If the Senate rejects a treaty, which other branch is being checked?

36. If Congress raises the number of Supreme Court justices, which other branch is being checked?

37. Define the 4th amendment:

38. Define the 19th amendment:

39. Define federalism:

40. What is the most common method for proposing and ratifying an amendment?

41. Define the 26th amendment:

42. Powers the national government possesses because it is a nation are called (in other words because all nations do these things):

43. Define the 6th Amendment:

Federalism

44. Congress may not exercise these powers...

45. The power to coin money is in the hands of...

46. Powers that are specifically given to the national government are...

47. Powers that are thought to be granted to the national government, but no specifically spelled out are...

Congress

Complete the following:

	Age Requirement	Residency Requirement	# Elected from each state	Total #	Term of office	Term limits
U.S. Representative						
U.S. Senator						
President						
Supreme Court Judge						

48. One third of the Senators are elected how often?
49. How often must Congress meet?
50. How many members do the House and Senate need present to do work?
51. How can Congress override a President's veto?
52. How many days does a President have to sign a bill?
53. Define congressional legislation:
54. Define bill:
55. Laws for the United States are made by...
56. We count our population (hold a census) every...
57. When the seats in the House of Representatives are redistributed every ten years, it is called...
58. The process of redrawing district lines within a state after the census is called...

The Presidency

59. If the President is impeached, who will preside over the trial?
60. The number of Presidential electors a state gets is determined by...
61. The President's term ends on what day and at what time?
62. If none of the candidates for President receive a majority of the vote, how is the President elected?
63. If the President is unable to perform his job and must resign, he writes a letter to...
64. What are the duties of the Secretary of State?
65. How are Presidential electors appointed or chosen?
66. If there is a vacancy in the office of Vice President, who appoints a new one?
67. List the order of Presidential succession after Vice President (next four):
68. What is the residency requirement to be eligible for the presidency?

69. The President's cabinet is an example of informal amendment by unwritten...

70. This institution actually elects the President...

71. How many electoral votes does Illinois have?

72. This state has the largest number of electoral votes...

73. All impeachment trial verdicts are decided by...

74. If the President cannot work, the job will be taken over by...

75. What are the two duties of the Vice President?

76. How many cabinet departments are there?

The Federal Court System

77. To convict for treason, you need...

78. The term of office for a Supreme Court justice?

79. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

Know the name(s) of the person who holds these positions:

President of the United States:

Vice President:

Speaker of the House:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court:

Secretary of State:

U.S. Senators from Illinois:

U.S. Representative from the 14th District (IL):