

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Outline Worksheet

Preamble (purpose of the Constitution)

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Article I _____

Section 1 Congress

A. Congress made up of:

- 1.
- 2.

Section 2 House of Representatives

A. Term of office ____

B. Qualifications

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

C. Describe how the states would be represented in the House.

C. Describe the term "Impeachment."

Section 3 Senate

A. Number of senators from each state _____

B. Term of office _____ .

C. Qualifications

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

D. Who is the president of the Senate? Who is in charge in his absence?

Section 4 Elections and Meetings

- A. When are congressional elections held?
- B. Representatives are elected by _____.
- C. How often must Congress meet?

Section 5 Rules and Procedures

- A. What is a quorum?
- B. Who sets the rules of behavior for both houses of Congress?

Section 6 Privileges and Restrictions

- A. Describe the contents of paragraph 1.
- B. Describe the contents of paragraph 2.

Section 7 Method of Passing Laws

- A. What are revenue bills? Where must they originate?
- B. Describe briefly how a bill becomes a law.
- C. What is a presidential veto?
- D. What three choices does the president have if he does not approve of a bill?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Section 8 Delegated Powers to the Congress (describe)

Section 9 Powers denied to the Federal Government (describe)

Section 10 Powers denied to the States (describe)

Article II _____.

Section 1 President and the Vice President

- A. How long is a term of office?
- B. How is the president elected? Explain the electoral process.

C. The qualifications for the office of the President are: *

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

D. The order of succession to the presidency is:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

E. What is the oath of office for the presidency? (write it)

Section 2 Powers of the President (list)

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

Section 3 Duties of the President

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

Article III _____.

Section 1 Federal Courts

A. Judicial powers are placed in the hands of _____

Section 2 Jurisdiction

What kind of cases do the Federal Courts hear?

- B. What kind of cases are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts?
- C. Every person accused of a Federal crime is guaranteed a _____ trial.

Section 3 Treason

- A. What is Treason?
- B. What is the punishment for treason?

Article IV. Relations among the States Section 1

Full Faith and Credit

- A. This section is referred to as the "full faith and credit" clause. Why?
- B. What records relate to this clause?

Section 2 Privileges of citizens

- A. A state may not _____ against the citizens of other states.
- B. What is "extradition"?

Section 3 New States and Territories. What was the only exception to the procedure described in this section?

Section 4 The U.S. shall guarantee each state a _____ form of Government.

Article V. _____.

Section 1 An amendment must first be _____ by _____

Section 2 2/3 of the state legislatures may request Congress to call a _____

Section 3 To ratify a proposed amendment _____ of the state legislatures or state conventions must approve.

Article VI _____.

Section 1-Public Debts- The U.S. Government assumed all _____.

Section 2- The Constitution is the _____ law of the land.

Article VII _____.

How many states were needed to approve the proposed Constitution before it would take effect?