The Constitution Reading Test Slaughter

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1. Who has the supreme power in establishing the government of the U.S.?
2. List the 6 purposes of the Constitution as found in the Preamble.
3. All legislative powers are held by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which consists of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. A member of the House of Reps serves \_\_\_\_\_ years, must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old and have been a citizen of the United States for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
5. Each state has \_\_\_\_\_ senators.
6. A senator serves for \_\_\_\_\_\_ years, must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and a citizen of the United States for \_\_\_\_ years.
7. Define Impeach –
8. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ impeaches a president, vice-president, cabinet member or federal judge; while the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ actually tries all cases of impeachment.
9. All bills for raising revenue or taxes must originate in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. The writ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person from being held on insufficient evidence or no evidence at all.
11. An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law is one that punishes someone for doing something that was legal before the law was passed.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holds ALL EXECUTIVE POWER in our government.
13. The president must be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ citizen, at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ years a resident.
14. Only the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ court was established by the Constitution.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the supreme law of the land.
16. The Constitution has \_\_\_\_\_\_ Articles.
17. The approval of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ states was necessary to ratify the Constitution.
18. What did Federalist Paper #10 warn the United States about?
19. Explain the Virginia / or Large State Plan –
20. Explain the New Jersey / or Small State Plan –
21. What compromise settled the debate between the small state plan and large state plan in Congress?
22. What compromise settled the issue over slave representation?
23. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment protects citizens from being tried twice for the same crime.
24. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment does not deny the right to vote based on “race, color, or previous conditions of servitude”.
25. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment abolished slavery.
26. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment gives the people the right to elect senators (direct election rather than appointment).
27. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment gives women the right to vote.
28. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment limits presidents to two terms of office.
29. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment allowed for the creation of a personal income tax.
30. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment sends the Presidential election to the House of Reps in case of a tie.
31. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment changed the inauguration date of the POTUS from March to January.
32. The 27th Amendment prohibits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
33. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment set the legal voting age at \_\_\_\_\_\_.
34. There have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changes to our Constitution.
35. Explain the “Necessary and Proper” or “Elastic” Clause of the Constitution.
36. Why did Daniel Shays rebel against state government of Massachusetts?
37. List the 3 components for becoming a state under the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

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1. How did the Land Ordinance of 1785 divide the townships in the Northwest Territory?
2. What was each 16th section of land set aside for?
3. What were the 3 MAJOR weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

**WHAT PART OF THE DOCUMENT?**

**P – PREAMBLE A – ARTICLES B – BILL OF RIGHTS AM – AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ A 35-year old woman from Idaho is running for a seat in the House of Representatives. She

immigrated to the US fifteen years ago and became a US Citizen six years later.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ We live in a country that assures justice for all and freedom for ourselves and future Americans
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Congress can’t ask a citizen of Oregon to pay more federal taxes than his cousin who lives in TX
3. \_\_\_\_\_ In this country, the police must have a search warrant to search your home.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ A 40-year old man, who was born in the United States, announces his decision to run for POTUS
5. \_\_\_\_\_ It is the job of the executive branch of the U.S. government to make sure citizens obey the law.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ If a person breaks the law in Florida and escapes to Alabama, Alabama is required to send the

criminal back to Florida. States must work together and respect each others’ laws.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ If the president becomes ill, he can temporarily give his powers to the vice-president until he is

well.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ You can keep firearms (guns) in your home.

50. \_\_\_\_\_ The song from School House Rock that starts --- “WE THE PEOPLE”