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Study Guide for Constitution Test #2

Answers for the study guide questions are found in the National Geographic 8th text, Chapter 8 and from the text of the Constitution found in the Citizenship Handbook in the back of the textbook (pages R2-R37) or you may use any 8th grade American history curriculum. Study guide answers will be corrected during the Monday afternoon history classes. If not enrolled, then either meet with or call the 8th grade advisor to correct before the test is administered. Test must be taken by date listed in reference binder.

1. (3 pts.) The Constitution is divided into three main parts. List, then describe each of these parts. (p. R8)

1.

2.

3.

2. (3 pts.) In Articles 1, 2, and 3 the Framers of the Constitution wanted to limit the power of the federal government by establishing three branches of government. List the three branches below: (PP. R9, R14, R17)

a._____ b._____ c._____

3. (2 pts.) Describe how the system of checks and balances within the three branches of government help to protect people's rights. (P. R8)

4. (1 pt.) Article IV of the Constitution requires the states to honor one another's

laws and sets up a system for_____. (p. R18)

5. (1 pt.) Why is Article V so important to the future of the Constitution? (p. R19)
6. (1 pt.) Article VI, section 2, states that the _____ is now the supreme law of the land. (p.R19)
7. (1 pt.) What are the two bodies of the legislative branch (Congress)? (p. R9)
1. _____ 2. _____
8. (1 pt.) The most important power of Congress is the ability to _____. *Choose one.* (pp. R11-R12)
- a. collect taxes
 - b. make the nation's laws
 - c. establish post offices
 - d. coin money
9. (1 pt.) Where are new bills introduced? (pp. R11-R12)
10. (2 pts.) There are _____ members of the House of Representatives. (p. R9)

How is the number of Representatives for each state determined?

11. (2 pts.) What is the term of office for members of the House of Representatives? (pp. R9-R10)

_____ years

Complete the following requirements for members of the House:

Age: _____ **Citizen for:** _____ **Resident of:** _____

12. (2 pts.) There are _____ members of the Senate. (p. R10)

How is the number of Senators for each state determined?

13. (2 pts.) What is the term of office for members of the Senate? (p. R10)

_____ years

Complete the following requirements for members of the Senate:

Age: _____ **Citizen for:** _____ **Resident of:** _____

14. (1 pt.) The president of the Senate is _____. (p. R10)

15. (1 pt.) War may be declared only by _____. (p. R12)

16. (3 pts.) What are the qualifications for the President of the United State? (pp. R14-R15)

Age: _____ **Resident of:** _____ **for** _____ **years**

Term of office: _____ **years** **How many terms allowed:** _____

Another requirement of the presidency is very specific and not required by members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate. What is this unique requirement?

17. List all of the powers of the President: (p. R16)

18. (1 pt.) The President and Vice President are elected by which system? (pp. R14-R15)

19. (2 pts.) How many justices sit on the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice? _____
(Text, p. 281, p. R17)

What is their term of office? _____

What is the most important power of the Supreme Court?

20. (1 pt.) What is the process for becoming a Supreme Court Justice? (p. R16)

21. (1 pt.) How may the United States Constitution be amended? (p. 266)

22. (5 pts.) The **First Amendment** protects the five basic civil liberties. They are the freedoms/rights of: (p. R22)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

23. (1 pt.) In light of the many tragic events in our past, our government officials are seeking a balance between security & protection and our freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. **What does the Second (2nd) Amendment guarantee?** (p. R22)

24. (1 pt.) Our government must have a search warrant in order to search your home. This is outlined in the 4th Amendment, which protects Americans from unreasonable _____ and _____. (p. R22)
25. (1 pt.) Criminals really need to know the Bill of Rights, especially the Sixth (6th) Amendment, which provides the right to a jury trial and the Eighth (8th) Amendment, which forbids _____.
(p. R23)
26. (1 pt.) The Thirteenth (13th) Amendment was a result of the Civil War. What did it abolish? (p. R25)
27. (1 pt.) The Sixteenth (16th) Amendment, ratified in 1913, gave Congress the power to provide for the funding of various programs which would benefit the American people. What plan of action was put in place for all working citizens? (p. R26)
28. (1 pt.) Thanks to the Twenty-sixth (26th) Amendment, your 18th birthday will be an exciting time because you will finally be able to _____. (p. R27)
29. (1 pt.) As a citizen you are entitled to all of the rights and privileges of our nation. However, you also have some responsibilities. What are every citizen's civic responsibilities, including those required? (pp. R33-R37)