

Attachment B: A Guided Tour of the United States Constitution

Using the Constitution in your text, a dictionary, and any other resources necessary, answer the following questions in your own words. Give the citation (Article, Section, Clause) designating where the information is found in the Constitution.

For example -- Question: Where do bills for revenue begin?

Answer: Revenue bills must originate in the House of Representatives; A. I, S. 7, C.1.

(You will need to answer these questions on your own paper.)

1. The United States Constitution created a government for what reasons?
2. List the seven Articles and the basic purpose of each.
3. How is representation in the United States Congress determined? (U.S. House and Senate)
4. How is the Speaker of the House of Representatives chosen? Does the Speaker have to be a member of the House?
5. What officers are required of the Senate by the Constitution?
6. What happens when a seat becomes vacant in the House? In the Senate?
7. What are the rules of operation in both houses of Congress?
8. List and briefly explain the 18 expressed powers of Congress.
9. What must happen if a senator is appointed and confirmed as a justice to the U.S. Supreme Court?
10. In your own words, explain the importance of Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.
11. List and explain the powers expressly denied Congress.
12. List and explain the three powers denied the states.
13. What are the qualifications for becoming President?
14. List and explain the powers of the President.
15. In what ways can the U.S. Senate check the President?
16. Who has the power to create lower federal courts?
17. How many justices sit on the U.S. Supreme Court?
18. What is impeachment? Who has the power to impeach?
19. Who tries an impeachment? Who can be impeached?

20. What is the relationship between states concerning their laws?
21. How are new states created?
22. What is the relationship between federal law and state law?
23. Detail all of the ways to amend the Constitution.
24. What freedoms of expression are protected by the Constitution?
25. List and explain the rights of an accused person.
26. Where are the "due process of law" clauses found in the Constitution? Explain how they work.
27. When is a search warrant required?
28. List the four times when suffrage has been expanded.
29. What happens in the event of a vacancy in the Presidency? The Vice-Presidency?
30. Which amendment was repealed?
31. What did the 17th Amendment do? What part of the original Constitution was altered?
32. What happens in the event of a disability to the President?
33. What was the most recent amendment to the Constitution? What does it do?
34. Who controls elections? When are they held?
35. What privileges do members of Congress enjoy?