

## Constitution Fact Search

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1. Read the preamble to the Constitution. List the six goals that are described in the preamble in the order with the most important goal, in your opinion, listed first, and the least important goal listed last. Explain why you believe your first choice is the most important.

Most important goal \_\_\_\_\_

The reason this goal is #1 to me is because:

Remaining goals (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_

2. According to the preamble, who, exactly, are these goals meant to help?
3. Which basic **principle** of the American government (there are five you have learned about in class) is reflected in the phrase “We the People...”
4. A *constitution*, a written plan of the government, is an example of which of the five basic principles? (hint: It is not the same as the answer to #3)
5. How many articles are in the *Constitution* of the United States of America?
6. Article I (one) describes details about which branch of the national government? What is the main responsibility of this branch? What is the primary group in this branch?
7. Article I (one), section 8, lists the powers granted to *Congress*. Write 5 of these powers in your own words – that means choose 5 that you understand!
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
  - d)
  - e)

8. Article I (one), section 9 list the powers denied to *Congress*. This is the stuff they can't do! Write 2 of these powers in your own words.
9. According to Article I, section 7, clause 2, who has final approval over all bills passed by the Senate and House of Representatives?
10. Article II (two) describes which branch of the national government? Briefly describe the main purpose of this branch. Who is the main individual in this branch?
11. According to Article II, section 1, clause 8, what are the words (oath) the President must say before they can officially take office? Write the entire oath in the space below:
12. According to Article II, section 4, what are the reasons a president could be removed from office?
13. Article III (three) describes which branch of the *national government*? Briefly explain the main purpose of this branch. Name the main group in this branch.
14. According to Article III, section 3, clause 1, what is the definition of *treason* against the United States?
15. According to Article IV (four), section 4, list the three things the United States government guarantees each state.
16. Article V (five) describes how to change the Constitution. What is the term that describes these "changes" to the Constitution?
17. Article VI (six), clause 2, states that "This Constitution,...shall be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Land". Explain what this phrase means.
18. In which year were the first ten *amendments* passed?
19. Collectively, these ten *amendments* are known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
20. In total, how many *amendments* have been made added to the Constitution?