



US Constitution

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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What principle does this phrase represent?

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- B) Popular sovereignty — government power comes from the citizens
- C) Judicial review — courts interpret the Constitution
- D) Separation of powers — dividing government into branches

2. Why is the Bill of Rights important even when most citizens agree with a law?

- A) It makes sure every law is voted on twice before passing
- B) It protects individual rights even when the majority disagrees
- C) It allows the President to pass laws without Congress
- D) It gives states the power to ignore federal laws they dislike

3. The amendment process requires two-thirds of Congress and three-fourths of states. Why is it so difficult?

- A) The Founders wanted to prevent hasty changes to the nation's highest law
- B) Congress did not want citizens to have any say in changing the law
- C) The states refused to allow any amendments after the Bill of Rights
- D) Making amendments difficult saves the government money on printing

4. Which problem with the Articles of Confederation was MOST important in creating the Constitution?

- A) The Articles allowed too many people to vote in elections
- B) The national government was too weak to collect taxes or raise an army
- C) The Articles gave the President too much power over the states
- D) State governments had no power under the Articles of Confederation

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. The Preamble lists _____ goals for the new government.

2. The principle that government gets its power from the people is called popular _____.

3. George _____ presided over the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

4. The Constitution was _____ by the states in 1788 and took effect in 1789.

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