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Constitution Scavenger Hunt (0-15L)

Using all resources available to you, search for the answers to the following questions all based on the United States Constitution. This can be filled in and submitted digitally to: bchavarria@tusd.net or printed and turned in at the District approved site and time.

Preamble and Articles

1. The Constitution begins with what three words? _____
2. The Constitution, as it was written in 1787, was divided into numerous parts called articles. How many articles were there? _____
3. Article I deals with the _____ branch of government.
4. Article II discusses the organization of the _____ branch.
5. Article III established a _____ branch of government.
6. Article V, outlines the way changes or additions to the Constitution, called _____ are made.

Amendments 1-10

The first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, were adopted in 1791. This was four years after the original Constitution had been written, and two years after George Washington became President. The Bill of Rights guaranteed that the national government would not take away the rights and liberties of the American people.

Decide which one of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights gives people each of the rights and liberties in the following list. Fill in the space with **number** of the amendment. **Some numbers will be used more than once.**

7. _____ the right not to be put on trial twice for the same crime (double jeopardy)
8. _____ freedom of assembly
9. _____ no quartering of soldiers in homes without the approval of the owner
10. _____ freedom of the press
11. _____ the right to have guns

12. _____ the right to a public trial
13. _____ freedom of speech
14. _____ the right to have a lawyer
15. _____ the right to not to testify against oneself
16. _____ the right not to lose life, liberty, or property without due process of law
17. _____ freedom of religion
18. _____ freedom from unreasonable search and seizure
19. _____ the right to be paid for private property taken for public use
20. _____ the right to obtain witnesses in one's defense
21. _____ freedom to petition the government to correct grievances
22. _____ no cruel or unusual punishments; no excessive bail or fines
23. _____ to sue in federal court, the value must be over \$20.00

Additional Amendments

The delegates at the Constitutional Convention realized that changes would have to be made to the Constitution as conditions and circumstances changed in the United States. Yet considering the number of years that have passed since the document was written in 1787, remarkably few revisions have been made. This is a tribute to the wisdom of the delegates – the “Founding Fathers.”

Listed below are the amendments that have been adopted since the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution in 1791. Fill in the space with the number (11, 12, etc.) of the amendment being described. **Do not use the same number more than once.**

24. _____ If Congress votes itself a salary increase, it will not take effect until after the next election.
25. _____ A citizen cannot be denied the right to vote because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. (This amendment protected the right of black male citizens to vote.)
26. _____ No president can be elected more than twice.
27. _____ Congress has the power to collect income taxes.

- 28. _____ People cannot make, sell, or transport alcohol.
- 29. _____ Repealed the 18th amendment.
- 30. _____ Direct election of senators.
- 31. _____ Slavery is abolished.
- 32. _____ All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens. Gave equal protection under the law.
- 33. _____ Terms of the President and the Vice President begin on January 20
- 34. _____ Citizens of the District of Columbia may vote
- 35. _____ Qualified citizens, 18 years or older, may vote.
- 36. _____ Woman suffrage. Gave women the right to vote.

Odds and Ends... (Mostly Found in the Articles)

- 37. How old do you have to be to become a senator? _____
- 38. In the federal court system, what is the name of the top court? _____
- 39. Who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces? _____
- 40. How many senators are there from each state? _____
- 41. How old does a representative have to be? _____
- 42. How long is a Presidents term of office? _____
- 43. How many members serve on the Supreme Court? _____
- 44. What are the names of the two houses of Congress?
_____ and _____
- 45. List the three branches of government. _____,
_____, and _____