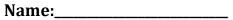
The Constitution

Chapter 7



Approximate Test Date:



What you will learn

In this unit you will learn about the Constitution. In my opinion, it is the most important thing you will learn in my class this year. It sets up a new form of government, protects the rights of people, and is a living document. You may not realize it, BUT the constitution impacts your life EVERYDAY! This will be a hard unit because of its importance, but I have complete faith in each of you. If at any point you feel confused PLEASE let me know ASAP! You will be required to memorize the preamble to the constitution and be able to write it EXACTLY.

Essential Questions:

How effective was government under the Articles of Confederation? Why is the Constitution a document of compromise? What Ideas and features are found in the United States Constitution? Why is citizenship essential to the preservation of the US Political System? WHY IS THE CONSTITUTION SO IMPORTANT?

Vocabulary

Constitution
Republic
Articles of Confederation
Depression
Shays's Rebellion
Convention
Virginia Plan
New Jersey Plan

Great Compromise
Bill of Rights
3/5ths Compromise
Federalism
Legislative Branch
Executive Branch
Electoral College
Judicial Branch

Checks and Balances Amendment Supreme Law of the Land Federalist Papers Popular Sovereignty Enumerated Powers Reserved Powers Concurrent Powers

Implied Powers James Madison Alexander Hamilton Baron de Montesquieu John Locke

Assignments

Due Date	Assignment	Score
	Foldable For chapter	
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	Living in a Democracy Assignment	
	Your Choice Assignment	
	Study Guide	
	Test	

Living in a Democracy! MUST DO!!!

As you know, you live in a democratic country. Our democracy will and can only succeed if YOU, the citizen, are active in it. Only 53% of all Americans voted in the 2008 Presidential Election. As a country, we are notoriously bad at participating in our democracy.

For this assignment you will have to participate in our Democracy by doing one of the following possible ideas:

Write a letter to a Congressman about a law or issue

Attend a town meeting (take notes)

Write a letter to a school or district Administrator about policies

Attend school board meeting (take notes)

Create a poster about elected officials (mayor to Obama)

Volunteer for two hours (See Mr. Worm)

See Mr. Worm if you have other ideas

Choose **ONE** of the Following

Neatness and creativity will be as important as information. Your attention to detail and amount of time spent on these assignments will greatly affect your grade. This assignment is homework, so you will not have class time to work on it! This is worth 25 points. PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME AND GIVE YOUR BEST EFFORT!!!

Writing \rightarrow Must be 1-2 pages (around 300 words) (do not space out your words). Neatly written and correct grammar.

- 1. Why was the bill of rights essential for the passing of the Constitution?
- 2. What were the checks and balances and why was it important?
- 3. How does a bill become a law?
- 4. Why is the constitution considered a living document?
- 5. What problems from the Articles of Confederation did the Constitution fix?
- 6. See me if you have an idea of a writing topic.

Drawing→

1. Draw a storyboard about one of the writing options. This should be at LEAST 12 frames. This is to be done neatly and with A LOT of detail! Full color and NO stick figures.

Song or Movie →

- 1. Create a song about the bill of rights to a favorite melody.
- 2. Create a News Broadcast about the bill of rights or the separation of powers