

AP Politics and Government Summer Reading Assignment

Read and study the United States Constitution. Use the provided review sheet to help guide your study. All questions on the test are not necessarily covered on the review sheet. Make sure you understand the Constitution and the Amendments! There will be a test when we return to school in September. If needed, a copy of the Constitution can be found at:

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs>

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United States Constitution Test Review

1. According to the Preamble, who formed the Constitution?
2. According to the Preamble, what are the purposes of the Constitution? (List 6)
3. Article I deals with the _____ Branch.
4. When are members of the House of Representatives chosen?
5. What are the requirements to be a Representative?
6. How many Senators does each state have, and how long are their terms?
7. Until the 17th Amendment was passed, how were Senators chosen?
8. What are the requirements to become a Senator?
9. Who is the President of the Senate, and when is the only time he can vote?
10. Who presides over the Senate in the absence of the Vice-President?
11. What does the Senate have the sole power to do? Who presides over the trial if the President is being impeached? What majority is required for a conviction?
12. What is the only punishment for those convicted? What is the convicted party also subject to, however?
13. What majority is required to expel a member of the Senate or House?
14. For how long can one house of Congress adjourn without the consent of the other?

15. Can a member of the House or Senate hold another office while a member of either house?
16. Where must all revenue bills originate?
17. If the President vetoes a bill, what must he return with it to Congress?
18. What happens if the President does not return a bill within ten days? What happens if Congress adjourns during that time?
19. What majority is required in each house to override a veto?
20. Make sure you know the powers of Congress listed in Article I, Section 8.
21. When are the only times Habeas Corpus can be suspended?
22. Can exports be taxed?
23. Can officeholders accept any titles or gifts from foreign countries or leaders?
24. Know the things that states are prohibited from by Article I Section 10.
25. Where shall the executive power be vested?
26. What will the number of a state's Electors be equal to?
27. What are the requirements for the office of President?
28. What can be neither increased nor diminished during a President's term?

29. Who is Commander in Chief of the military?
30. What shall the President have the power to grant?
31. What happens if a vacancy takes place while the Senate is in recess?
32. When shall the President give Congress information on the State of the Union?
33. For what can the President (and others) be impeached and convicted for?
34. Where will the judicial power of the United States be vested?
35. For how long shall judges hold their offices?
36. In what cases will the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?
37. How is treason defined?
38. What must states do if they capture a criminal wanted in another state?
39. What form of government will the United States guarantee to the states?
40. How many states are required for a constitutional convention to be called?
41. What is the supreme law of the land?
42. What are all elected officials of the United States bound to take?
43. How many states were needed to ratify the Constitution?

44. What are the five First Amendment freedoms?
45. What is guaranteed by Second Amendment?
46. Who cannot be quartered in private homes without the consent of the owner?
47. What does the 4th Amendment protect against?
48. Is "double jeopardy" allowed under the 5th Amendment?
49. Can the government take private property for public use?
50. What type of trial shall the accused person "enjoy?"
51. What "assistance" is the accused entitled to for his defense?
52. What monetary figure guarantees a jury trial in a civil case?
53. According to the 8th Amendment, what shall not be "excessive?"
54. Summarize the 9th Amendment in your own words:
55. What is reserved to the states and the people by the 10th Amendment?
56. What types of cases cannot be heard in federal courts, according to the 11th Amendment?
57. Who will choose the President if there is no clear winner in the Electoral College?

58. What was abolished by the 13th Amendment?
59. What defines a citizen?
60. Who is forbidden from holding any office in the United States government?
61. According to the 15th Amendment, what shall not be denied or abridged?
62. What does the 16th Amendment authorize?
63. How did the 17th Amendment change the way Senators are selected?
64. What did the 18th Amendment prohibit?
65. What did the 19th Amendment allow?
66. When shall the terms of the President and Vice-President end?
67. When shall Congress begin their term?
68. Who becomes President if the President-elect dies?
69. What did the 21st Amendment repeal?
70. What tradition did the 22nd Amendment enshrine into law?
71. Who is allowed to vote by the 23rd Amendment?
72. What was prohibited by the 24th Amendment?

73. How is a vacancy in the office of the Vice-President to be filled?

74. What would be the procedure if the President had to have surgery and would be unable to fulfill his duties for a few days?

75. Who is allowed to vote according to the 26th Amendment?

76. If Congress votes itself a pay raise, when does the pay raise kick in?