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Constitution Day

Fill-in-the-Blank Word Search

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P H I L A D E L P H I A W E T H E P E O P L E E B
E V I T A L S I G E L A I C I D U J P R E S S B A
S E V I T A T N E S E R P E R E B M E T P E S M L
E V I T U C E X E M I S P R E S I D E N T Y A E A
N J U R Y P N O I G I L E R U N U S U A L R J C N
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The United States _____ was signed by 39 men on _____ 17, 1787, in _____, Pennsylvania and consisted of _____ articles outlining the operation of the national government. Opening with the famous first three words “_____,” the document outlined a specific separation of powers whereby three distinct branches of government would each have different responsibilities. The _____ branch, consisting of the United States _____, which was further divided into a _____ and House of _____, was established to craft laws and was given the power to collect taxes, govern the military, and declare war, among other responsibilities. The _____ branch would be headed by the _____ of the United States, who would serve as Commander in Chief of the military and be responsible for signing bills into laws and ensuring they are faithfully executed. The _____ branch, consisting of the _____ and lower federal courts, was established to settle disputes. The specific responsibilities of each branch were calibrated to ensure a system of checks and _____ to keep any

single branch from consolidating too much control. The document also established the responsibilities of the _____ and outlined the relationship between them and the federal government.

It took a year for the Constitution to be ratified by the minimum of _____ states and go into effect. During the push for ratification, delegates in many states were concerned the Constitution did not directly address individual _____. The first ten amendments, which became known as the _____, were officially ratified on _____ 15, 1791. The _____ Amendment established several freedoms, including the freedom of _____, the freedom of _____ and of the _____, and the freedom to _____ and _____ the government. Other amendments addressed “the right of the people to keep and bear _____” as well as protections against unreasonable searches and seizures and cruel and _____ punishments. They also sought to ensure the rights to due _____ and trial by _____. In total, the Constitution has now been amended _____ times.