

Name(s): _____

Constitution Day

Quiz Competition

1) On what day was the Constitution signed?

- A. July 4, 1776
- B. January 1, 1863
- C. September 17, 1787
- D. July 9, 1778

2) In what city was the Constitution drafted and signed?

- A. New York
- B. Philadelphia
- C. Boston
- D. Washington, D.C.

3) Who was the first person to sign the Constitution?

- A. George Washington
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. John Hancock
- D. Benjamin Franklin

4) What national governing document did the Constitution seek to replace?

- A. The Bill of Rights
- B. The Treaty of Versailles
- C. The Articles of Confederation
- D. The Declaration of Independence

5) With what famous words does the Constitution begin?

- A. We hold these truths to be self evident . . .
- B. Four score and seven years ago . . .
- C. We the people of the United States . . .
- D. A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away . . .

6) How many branches did the Constitution divide the federal government into?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 7
- D. 1

7) Which branch of government includes the Supreme Court?

- A. Legislative
- B. The Cabinet
- C. Executive
- D. Judicial

8) Which branch has the power to declare war?

- A. Executive
- B. Legislative
- C. Judicial
- D. Department of Defense

9) Which branch signs bills into law?

- A. Legislative
- B. Judicial
- C. The Senate
- D. Executive

10) The Senate is composed of how many Senators from each state?

- A. 5
- B. 4
- C. 2
- D. Depends of population

11) What state was the first to ratify the Constitution?

- A. Delaware
- B. New York
- C. Massachusetts
- D. Virginia

12) How many amendments were ratified as part of the Bill of Rights?

- A. 12
- B. 10
- C. 5
- D. 1

13) Who is considered the primary author of the Bill of Rights?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. George Washington
- C. Alexander Hamilton
- D. James Madison

14) When were the Bill of Rights officially ratified?

- A. April 14, 1865
- B. December 15, 1791
- C. September 3, 1783
- D. August 3, 1492

15) Which amendment protects people from being forced to incriminate themselves?

- A. Second Amendment
- B. First Amendment
- C. Sixth Amendment
- D. Fifth Amendment

16) Which amendment provides for freedom of the press?

- A. Third Amendment
- B. First Amendment
- C. Sixth Amendment
- D. Third Amendment

17) Which amendment addresses “the right of the people to keep and bear arms”?

- A. Second Amendment
- B. Eighth Amendment
- C. Tenth Amendment
- D. Fourth Amendment

18) What freedom is NOT addressed by the First Amendment?

- A. The freedom of religion
- B. The freedom of speech
- C. Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures
- D. The right to petition the government

19) Which of these rights is NOT granted by the Bill of Rights?

- A. Protection against cruel and unusual punishments
- B. The right to vote regardless of sex
- C. The right to due process
- D. The right to a speedy and public trial

20) Which of these rules IS established by the Bill of Rights?

- A. The right to a trial by jury
- B. The right to vote regardless of race
- C. The limiting of presidents to two terms
- D. The abolition of slavery

21) In total, how many times has the Constitution been amended?

- A. 10
- B. 16
- C. 27
- D. 41