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**U.S. Constitution Principles Assignment**

**Part 1 – Supplementary Background Content -- Constitutional Structure and Principles – Using the following google link below, complete the following notes.**

**Link to notes:** [**https://goo.gl/7pqSCw**](https://goo.gl/7pqSCw)

**Historical Background:**

* The ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ is America’s second constitution (a plan for gov’t).
* By 1787, Congress recognized that the national government needed to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* May 1787 – 12 states sent delegates to Philadelphia to fix the Articles of Confederation (America’s 1st Constitution = A big failure…only lasted 7 years)
* They agreed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ‘Articles’ and write a new constitution.
* After much debate and compromise, the U.S. Constitution and it was ratified in June 1788.
* Due to its enduring principles, it has been our constitution for the last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years!

***The U.S. Constitution – the basics:***

* It is the nation's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law.
* Contains the fundamental laws of our nation.
* Includes the principles of a free, representative democracy.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law must not violate the Constitution.

***America’s blueprint:***

* ***Just like building a house, the U.S. Constitution describes in detailed parts how the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be built and function.***

***Parts of the Constitution:***

* 1 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – explains the purpose and goals of the Constitution
* 2 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – provides the basic framework for our government
  + Article I – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch (Congress)
  + Article II – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch (President)
  + Article III – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch (Supreme Court)
  + Article IV– equality of states; admission of new states
  + Article V – Amendment Process
  + Article VI – Supremacy Clause (Constitution is supreme law of land); federal laws override state laws
  + Article VII – Ratification
* 3 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + 27 Amendments have been added to the Constitution
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1791) – first 10 amendments

***Big Idea:***

* ***The United States Constitution has been in effect for 229 years and is the world’s oldest active plan for government. What is so special about the U.S. Constitution?***
* ***Its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!***

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| ***List of Main Principles Underlying the Constitution***   * **Popular Sovereignty & Republicanism** * **Rule of Law & Judicial Review** * **Separations of Powers** * **Checks and Balances** * **Federalism** |

**[Popular Sovereignty**:]

* The Declaration of Independence says the government’s power is based on the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the governed”.
* Citizens exercise this power by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The Constitution includes provisions for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of members of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and vice president

**[Republicanism]**

* **A form of government in which people elect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to create and enforce laws.**

**[Limited Government**:]

* The Constitution was founded on the principle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government
* This means that the government is limited to only the powers provided to it by the people and constitution.
* Limited government is also reflected in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***[Bill of Rights]***

* ***Defines, and guarantees the fundamental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of All Americans***
* ***Includes our freedoms of religion, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, press, & freedom from unreasonable search and seizure***
* ***Limits the power of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, local, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ governments***

***[Separation of Powers]***

* ***Legislative Branch: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Law***
* ***Executive Branch: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Law***
* ***Judicial Branch: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Law***

***[Checks and Balances:]***

* ***The three branches are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***
* ***But each has the power to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the other branches in a system of checks and balances***
* ***Significance? It prevents one branch from becoming too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***

***[Rule of Law]***

* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is subject to the law….even the president.***

***[Judicial Branch]***

* ***The branch of government that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ laws and resolves legal questions***
* ***Our court system is part of the judicial branch of government***
* ***An important check of one branch on another is the Supreme Court's power of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***
* ***This allows the Court to decide whether the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ passed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or state legislatures are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or not…)***
* ***Highest federal court in the U.S.***
* ***highest court of appeals***
* ***has jurisdiction [authority] over all other courts in the nation***
* ***determines what laws are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (if a law conflicts with some provision of the Constitution)***

***[Federalism]***

* ***This division of power between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government is known as federalism.***
* ***Federal government's powers are listed in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Delegated / Enumerated Powers)***
* ***The remaining powers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the states. (Reserved Powers)***

***Need more supplementary content? Try these links!***

* ***Basics --*** [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtEeBjG9-0g&list=PLi3U-nPPrbS5d-juhFwo3hTBso0gq2sUZ***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtEeBjG9-0g&list=PLi3U-nPPrbS5d-juhFwo3hTBso0gq2sUZ)
* ***Separation of Powers -*** [***https://nerdfighteria.info/v/0bf3CwYCxXw/***](https://nerdfighteria.info/v/0bf3CwYCxXw/)
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      * [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rekVGf1Qns&index=43&list=PLi3U-nPPrbS5d-juhFwo3hTBso0gq2sUZ***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rekVGf1Qns&index=43&list=PLi3U-nPPrbS5d-juhFwo3hTBso0gq2sUZ)
* ***Federalism -*** [***https://nerdfighteria.info/v/J0gosGXSgsI/***](https://nerdfighteria.info/v/J0gosGXSgsI/)
  + - * [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeKnrdv5Itk***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeKnrdv5Itk)
* ***Judicial Review -*** [***https://nerdfighteria.info/v/mWYFwl93uCM/***](https://nerdfighteria.info/v/mWYFwl93uCM/)

**Part 2 –**

***Constitutional Principles* Paper Slide Activity Names\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Objective: Watch, Learn, and Create a paper slide explaining the U.S. Constitution and its principles using your phone as a video recording device. You will explain the basics of the Constitution (what it is, what it does, when was it made, etc…), the layout, and its fundamental underlying principles. It is your job to master these concepts and be creative teaching others them. You may use your class notes, flowchart, and/or any supplementary resources to help.

Your ‘Paper Slide’ must be approximately 5-7 slides containing:

* What is the project? …a Title / Introduction Slide…
* What is the U.S. Constitution? …background / fundamental information re: The US Constitution…
* What is the layout of the U.S. Constitution?
* What are the underlying fundamental principles? …Constitutional Principles (You must explain and provide an example for three of the seven principals. Honors Students must do five.).
  + Visuals / Colors / Pictures (These will help present your information)

Don’t know what a paper slide is? Scan the QR Code or type in this link **https://youtu.b e/Qf6L1PTG3p4** to watch a video on how paper slides are made. Follow these guidelines listed below.

1. Get Organized
2. Write a Script
3. Create the Art – Watch the example video. This is a basic example. Get creative!
4. Logistics
5. Practice
6. Let the teacher know you’re ready. (when you’re ready, find a quiet place to record)
7. Record your video (Use your phone to record your video.)
8. Share and Upload (Upload your video to the class YouTube page)

Username: [cummingssocialstudies@gmail.com](mailto:cummingssocialstudies@gmail.com) Password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Logistics:

Your group will consist of 3 people. Be sure one of your group members has a video recording device such as a cell phone. (Typically iPhones work best) There are three jobs that need to be done. You may split up the jobs among group members or you can all work together. Fill in the chart to signify who worked on which part by checking which job you took part in.

Writer: Responsible for writing the script for the paper slide.  
Illustrator: Responsible for creating the graphics for the paper slide.   
Narrator: Responsible for narrating the paper slide when recording.

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| **Name** | **Writer** | **Illustrator** | **Narrator** |
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Rubric:

Information (All info, structure, and principles are presented with correct information): 20 30 40

Creativity (Paper slide is done neatly; 20 30 40  
 correctly creative concepts are used):

Technical Aspects (Video is completed and uploaded correctly): 5 15 20

Paper-Slide Project – *US Constitution and its Principles*

Guiding Questions – Does your presentation answer these questions for your audience?

* (1 Slide) *What is the project?*
  + Give it a title!
  + Introduction Slide… (Who are your group members?)
* (1-2 Slides) *What is the U.S. Constitution?*
  + Background / fundamental information re: The US Constitution…
* (1-2 Slides) What is the layout of the U.S. Constitution?
  + Preamble, Articles, Amendments…
* (Min. 3 Slides…1 slide per principle) What are the underlying fundamental principles?
  + ~~Pick 3 (CP1)~~ / 4 (Honors) 🡪 Explain how this principal is in the constitution and why it is important for our nation/gov’t.

Reminders:

* 3 Members / Group 🡪 No more, no less; unless approved by me.
* I want to see effort 🡪 it will be painfully obvious if you did not put in effort, and you grade will correspond. Have some pride in your project and have fun doing it.
* Your collaboration will be assessed.
* Make sure it is visually stimulating 🡪 no one wants to watch boring stuff. Use color! Big Letters!
* Practice, practice, and practice before you film. You film should be well produced 🡪 no laughing, giggling, shaky camera work, loud background noises, awkward transitions.
* Follow ALL my directions 🡪 Read them carefully.
* Upload you video correctly to the YouTube channel 🡪 [Cummingssocialstudies@gmail.com](mailto:Cummingssocialstudies@gmail.com) / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 🡪 Make sure you upload your video as PUBLIC, not private.
* If you can use an iPhone, rather than android, use one. They seemingly work best with the upload process.

***NEED SOME MORE HELP?***

U.S. Constitution -- The Basics



<https://goo.gl/23bZzQ>

***NEED SOME MORE HELP?***

SEPERATION OF POWERS



<https://goo.gl/vz69Vj>

*NEED SOME MORE HELP?*

***FEDERALSIM***



<https://goo.gl/zNMMQe>

NEED SOME MORE HELP?

POPULAR SOVERIGNTY



<https://goo.gl/fopLzH>

NEED SOME MORE HELP?

***CHECKS AND BALANCES***



<https://goo.gl/z5monG>

NEED SOME MORE HELP?

RULE OF LAW



<https://goo.gl/Dmk7cD>

Need Some Help?

Judicial Review



<https://goo.gl/YAY8Mz>



<https://goo.gl/bAwdDK>

***Need Some Help?***

***Limited Government***



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