

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION
STUDY GUIDE

Obtain a copy of the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Amendments. Read them together with this Study Guide, filling out the Guide as you go. Get help from Parent, Teacher or Counselor as needed.

Declaration of Independence

Describe the four parts:

- 1) Preamble: _____
- 2) Declaration of rights _____
- 3) Statement of grievances _____
- 4) Conclusion _____

Why was it written? _____

Explain the statements:

"...all men are created equal..." _____

"...endowed by their Creator with...unalienable rights..." _____

"...governments (derive) their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

"...we pledge...our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor..." _____

Do you know what happened to the men that signed this declaration?

Preamble to the Constitution

The purposes of the Constitution (and the government it establishes) are to:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____, and
- 6) _____

The Constitution

Article I

Section 1

- 1. Section 1 defines the powers of the _____.
- 2. The Congress shall consist of a _____ and a _____.

Section 2

- 1. Representatives are elected for a period of _____ years.
- 2. A member of the House of Representatives must be:
 - a. _____ years of age
 - b. a _____ of the United States, and
 - c. a _____ of the State he shall represent.
- 3. The number of Representatives a State can have is determined by its _____.
- 4. The House shall choose their leader, called the _____.
- 5. Only the _____ has the power of Impeachment.

Section 3

- 1. Each State has _____ Senators.
- 2. Senators serve a term of _____ years; _____ - _____ of them stand for election every two years.
- 3. A Senator must be:
 - a. _____ years of age
 - b. a _____ of the United States, and
 - c. a _____ of the State he shall represent.
- 4. The _____ shall be the President of the Senate but shall not vote except in case of a _____.
- 5. The Senate shall choose their other officers, including a _____, acting in the absence of the Vice President.
- 6. Only the _____ shall try all Impeachments. When the President of the United States is tried, the _____ shall preside. Conviction requires concurrence by _____ - _____ of the members present.

Section 4 requires that Congress assemble at least _____ a year.

Section 5 allows Congress to expel a member with concurrence of _____ - _____.

Section 6

- 1. Senators and Representatives are "privileged from arrest" except for _____, _____ and _____.
- 2. No person holding any government office shall be a _____.

Section 7.

1. For a 'bill' to become law, it must be:
 - a. Passed by the _____
 - b. Passed by the _____, and
 - c. Signed by the _____.
2. If the President disapproves of a bill and **veto**s it, it can still become a law if passed again by both _____ and _____ by a ____ - _____ vote.

Section 8. Name any five of the 21 powers of Congress listed herein:

Section 9. Name one thing that Congress is prohibited from doing:

Section 10. Name one thing that individual States are forbidden to do:

Article II

Section 1.

1. The President and Vice President are elected for a term of ____ years.
2. The President is elected by:
 - a. Direct vote of the People
 - b. Majority vote of the Electoral College
 - c. The Congress if no candidate has a majority of electoral votes
 - d. b and c above.
3. The President must be:
 - a. a _____ citizen
 - b. _____ years of age, and
 - c. _____ years a United States resident.

Section 2

1. Name any three of the six enumerated powers of the President:

2. Presidential actions that must be approved by the Senate include the making of _____ and appointments of _____.

Section 3 enumerates specific duties the President must exercise, including:

Section 4

1. The President, Vice President and all civil officers shall be removed from office after Impeachment for, and Conviction of: _____, _____ or _____
_____.

Article III

1. This article pertains to the _____ powers of the United States.
2. Judges should hold their offices _____.
3. Name three of the many kinds of cases the Courts have power over:

4. Section 3 defines the crime of _____ and limits its punishment.

Article IV

1. This article defines how a new _____ may be admitted to the Union.
2. Every State is guaranteed a _____ form of government.
3. The United States shall protect each State from _____ and _____.

Article V

This article prescribes amendments to the Constitution can be proposed by _____ or _____ and must be ratified by _____ of the State Legislatures.

Article VI

1. The Supreme Law of the Land is the _____, the _____ made under the Constitution and all _____.
2. All legislative, judicial and executive officers of the United States and of the individual States must take an oath to support the _____.

Article VII Date _____ Convention President _____

What State was **not** present? _____ Do you know why?

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The first ten amendments to the Constitution:

- I. Establishes 4 freedoms: _____, _____, _____, _____.
- II. Establishes the right to _____ to provide a well-regulated _____ for the security of a free State.
- III. Prohibits occupation of homes by _____ in peace; in war only as prescribed by _____.
- IV. Protects persons, houses, papers, effects against unreasonable _____ and _____; officers shall require _____, issued on probable _____.
- V. Prohibits being tried more than once for the same _____, being a witness against _____; requires due process of _____.

VI. An accused has a right to a _____ and _____ trial; to be informed of the nature of the _____; and to have _____ for his defense.

VII. Entitles one to trial by _____ in controversies.

VIII. Prohibits excessive _____ and _____ or _____ and _____ punishments.

IX. Assumes _____ have other rights not spelled out here.

X. Specifies rights not assigned to the federal government belong to the _____ or the _____.

OTHER AMENDMENTS

Name five of the topics covered by the 16 other amendments:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Congratulations! You have thoroughly surveyed the documents of your United States citizenship.