

Constitution and Citizenship Day Quiz

Circle the correct answer for each question.

1. On what date was the U.S. Constitution signed?
 - a. June 3, 1788
 - b. September 17, 1787
 - c. July 4, 1776
 - d. April 25, 1812
2. In what city was the Constitution signed?
 - a. Boston, Massachusetts
 - b. Manassas, Virginia
 - c. Baltimore, Maryland
 - d. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
3. On what date was the Constitution ratified?
 - a. June 21, 1788
 - b. October 18, 1787
 - c. August 14, 1776
 - d. January 1, 1777
4. How many of the 13 colonies were required to vote for ratification in order for it to pass?
 - a. Seven
 - b. Eight
 - c. Nine
 - d. Ten
5. The Constitution can be divided into four sections. They are:
 - a. Title, Preamble, Articles, Amendments
 - b. Preamble, Articles, Bill of Rights, Later Amendments
 - c. Preamble, Articles, Amendments, Closing Comments
 - d. Preamble, Articles, Bill of Rights, Court Appointments
6. How does the Preamble to the Constitution begin?
 - a. "We the people of the United States..."
 - b. "When in the course of human events..."
 - c. "We hold these truths to be self-evident..."
 - d. "Four score and seven years ago..."
7. What do Articles I, II and III address, respectively?
 - a. Freedom of speech; freedom of the press; right to bear arms
 - b. Separation of church and state; trial by jury; search and seizure
 - c. Legislative, executive and judicial branches of Federal government
 - d. Cruel and unusual punishment; abolition; prohibition
8. What system was created with the Constitution that ensures one branch of government will not have more power than the others?
 - a. Checks and balances
 - b. Equal opportunity

- c. Disclosure of evidence
 - d. Political parties
9. Why was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?
- a. It was feared the Constitution gave too much power to the government
 - b. The Constitution needed to go further in protecting human rights
 - c. The people did not want to live again under a tyrant's rule
 - d. All of the above
10. Which constitutional amendment was later repealed by another amendment?
- a. Amendment IX – Unenumerated Rights – Repealed by Amendment X
 - b. Amendment XVII – Prohibition – Repealed by Amendment XXI
 - c. Amendment III – Quartering of Troops – Repealed by Amendment VII
 - d. Amendment XII – Choosing an Executive – Repealed by Amendment XX
11. How many Articles are there in the U.S. Constitution?
- a. Three
 - b. Four
 - c. Seven
 - d. Twelve
12. How many amendments are currently attached to the Constitution?
- a. 10
 - b. 17
 - c. 20
 - d. 27
13. What does the “Lame Duck” amendment do?
- a. Eliminates sessions of Congress between election and inauguration
 - b. Protects natural resources
 - c. Ensures fair representation for citizens who are injured on the job
 - d. Changes the voting age to 18
14. How many men signed the Constitution?
- a. 10
 - b. 20
 - c. 30
 - d. 40
15. Who was the oldest man to sign the Constitution?
- a. George Washington
 - b. Benjamin Franklin
 - c. Roger Sherman
 - d. William Jackson