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Outlining the U.S. Constitution

The introduction to the Constitution, called the **Preamble**, lists six reasons or purposes for the existence of the U.S. government under the Constitution. Match each reason with its correct meaning.

**The Preamble**

*We the people of the United States in order to*

1.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 4.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

5.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and **6.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*To ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

**The Articles**-

There are seven total Articles in the U.S. Constitution. Each Article is broken into smaller parts called **sections** and **clauses**. Each section explains a specific rule of the **Article**. Each clause explains a specific rule of the section. Look at your Constitution packet and examine Article I to see how the Articles, sections and clauses are organized.

**Article I**

1. How many section are there under Article I**? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2. How many clauses are there under Section 2 of Article I? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3. How many clauses are there under Section 8 of Article I? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

4. What branch of government does Article I, Section 1 create?

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5. According to Article I, Section 2, Clause 1, how long is a term of office for a member of the

House of Representatives? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

6. According to the Article I, Section 2, Clause 2, what are the three qualifications to be a

member of the House of Representatives?

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7. Which Section and Clause under Article I says that each state will have two Senators who will

each serve a six year term?

Article I Section \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. According to Article I, Section 3, what are the three qualifications to be a member of the

Senate?

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9. Article I, Section 8 list many powers that delegated to Congress.

The Powers of Congress- **Briefly** describe each of the following.

Clause 1: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Clause 2: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Clause 3: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Clause 5: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Clause 7: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Clause 11: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Clause 12-14: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Clause 15: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\***Clause 18: Congress can make any laws necessary to allow the government to work properly

Clause 18 is known as the **Elastic Clause**. Why do you think it is given this nickname?

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10. Article I, Section 9 lists many powers that are DENIED to Congress. Describe the following:

Section 9, Clause 2: (HAHBEAS CORPUS= right to fair treatment by the judicial branch)

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11. Article I, Section 10 lists many powers DENIED to the states. How does this section solve

some of the conflicts between the states under the *Articles of Confederation*?

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**Article II**

12. How many sections are there in Article II of the Constitution? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

13. How many clauses are there in Section 1? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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14. What branch of government does Article II, Section 1 create? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(consists of the President and Vice President)

15. According to Article II, Section 1, Clause 1, how long is a term of office for the President of

the United States? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

16. Where, in the Constitution (article, section, clause), can you find the qualification for

President of the United States?

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17. List three qualifications (as listed above) for the President of the United States.

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18. According to Article II, Section 1, Clause 6, who takes over as President in the case of the

removal of the President from office? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

19. Before the President takes office, he must take the Presidential oath of office. Where can

this oath be found? Article II Section **\_\_\_\_\_** Clause **\_\_\_\_\_**

20. What is the oath of a President must take?

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21. According to Article II, Section 2, Clause1, what two powers does the President have?

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22. According to Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 what two powers does the President have?

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23. Describe Article II, Section 4 in your own words.

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**Article III**

24. What branch of the government does Article III, Section 1, create?

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(consists of the Supreme Court and the inferior courts)

25. How many section are in Article III? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

26. List 3 types of cases that are heard in the federal court system.

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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27. According to Article V, what is the process for adding a new amendment?

Approval of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in Congress **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the states

28. Read Article VI, Section 2. What is the main idea of this clause?

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29. Read Article VII. How many states were needed for ratification (approval)? **\_\_\_\_\_\_**of 13

30. On what date was the Constitution signed? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

31. Choose 3 amendments in the Bill of Rights (amendments 1-10) and describe the rights

guaranteed by these amendments.

1. Amendment # **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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30. Choose 3 other amendments (11-27) and describe the rights guaranteed by these

amendments.

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