

TEACH THE CONSTITUTION: IT'S THE LAW

OUTLINE THE CONSTITUTION

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Name _____

Date _____

Use the Constitution to complete the following outline

List the function of each Article

Article I: _____

Article II: _____

Article III: _____

Article IV: _____

Article V: _____

Article VI: _____

Article VII: _____

The Preamble to the Constitution

The purpose of establishing the Constitution

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____

Article I *The Legislative Branch*

What are the qualifications for members of the House of Representatives?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

What are the qualifications for members of the Senate?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

List some of the powers or responsibilities of the members of Congress

House of Representatives	1. _____ 2. _____
The Senate	1. _____ 2. _____
Both Houses of Congress	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

What title is given to the leader of the House of Representatives? _____

What other title/position does the President of the Senate hold? _____

List five powers that are denied to Congress by the Constitution.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

List five powers that are denied to the States by the Constitution.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Article II
The Executive Branch

What is the function of the Electoral College? _____

What formula is used to determine how many electors each state will have?

What are the qualifications for the president?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List five Powers or Duties of the President as described in the Constitution.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Under what circumstances can the president be removed from office?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Article III
The Judicial Branch

What is the term of a federal judge? _____

Under what circumstances does the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?

Describe the process through which a federal judge gets his or her position.

What is the definition of Treason? _____

Complete the following chart that describes the requirements of each position

	Minimum Age	Years a Citizen	Term of Office
President			
House of Representative			
Senate			
Supreme Court			

Article IV
Relations Among the States

What is extradition? _____

What branch of government admits new states? _____

What is meant by the term: republican form of government? _____

Article V
Amendment Procedures

Diagram the process by which the Constitution is amended.

Article VI
Supremacy of the Constitution

What is the 'Supreme law of the land'? _____

What does that phrase mean? _____

Article VII
Ratification

How many states must ratify the Constitution in order for it to be adopted? _____