

Scavenger Hunt in the Constitution

Directions: Using only the original Constitution (without the amendments), respond to the following by placing your answers on a sheet of paper, numbering from 1 to 30. You must also write the Article, Section, and Clause number when appropriate* to justify your answers.

1. * What word in the Preamble indicates that the Framers wanted this Constitution to last forever?
2. This type of bill must originate in the House of Representatives.
3. What was Congress prohibited from doing under the Constitution until 1808?
4. What crime is specifically described and explained in detail in the Constitution?
5. * What state was not in attendance when the Constitution was finally signed?
6. This "shall never be required as a qualification to any office...under the United States."
7. * He was the only delegate from New York to sign the Constitution.
8. The president must "take care that the laws are _____."
9. You and I are entitled to this with respect to "citizens in the several states."
10. Congress can tax us to "provide for the _____."
11. The original ratio of U.S. Representatives to citizens in a state was 1: ____.
12. Why is the end of Article II, Section 1, important to Inauguration Day?
13. According to Article II, _____ actually elect the President.
14. Each house of Congress must keep and publish this, an official record of their proceedings.
15. The United States guarantees to every state a republican form of government and this.
16. Many of the powers and duties of the president must be approved by the ____.
17. The sole power of impeachment resides with the _____.
18. Why can't your 35-year old friend from France move to the U. S., become a citizen, and run for President?
19. What government official certifies who is officially President?
20. Of what importance is the number 30 to the U. S. Senate?
21. What other position in government does the President of the Senate hold?
22. The vote in the Senate is 60-40 to throw President Bush out of office. Is he out?
23. The President must give Congress "Information of the _____."
24. Puerto Rico would need the approval of _____ in order to become the 51st state.
25. What phrase refers to the fact that Texas must recognize a diploma from the University of Oklahoma as valid?
26. The Constitution and U.S. laws and treaties are the "_____ of the land."
27. Two-thirds vote refers to several governmental actions. Name one.
28. Congress created U.S. District and Circuit courts. They are called "_____ courts" in the Constitution.
29. A quorum to do business in either house of Congress is whenever a ____ is present.
30. When would the Constitution officially go into effect?

* These are the only answers that will be given credit without Article, Section, and Clause numbers