

The Structure of the Constitution

1. Besides being the framework of the United States government, what else is the Constitution?
 - A. It is the highest authority in the nation
 - B. The powers of all three branches come from the Constitution.
 - C. It represents liberty and freedom
2. What are three parts to the Constitution?

The Preamble, Seven Articles and 27 amendments
3. What does the Preamble do?

It states the goals and purposes of government.
4. What do the Articles do?

It describes the structure of government
5. What are the Amendments?

Additions or changes that should be made to government
6. What are the six purposes of government?
 1. To form a more perfect union
 2. Establish justice
 3. Ensure domestic tranquility
 4. Provide for a common defense
 5. Promote general welfare
 6. Secure Liberty and Posterity
7. What do the first three articles explain?

Article I - Legislative Branch
13th/17th century - representation from each state (2)
House of Representatives - Representation based on population (435) - larger population states get more representation
1. 1st 10th amendments, approval treaties, amend the Constitution
with a 2/3 vote, tax, regulate trade, and confirm presidential appointments