

**Oakdale High School
United States Government
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U. S. Constitution Worksheet**

1. We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America. The preceding words are the Preamble to the United States Constitution. List each of the underlined clauses and then briefly discuss how the United States Government today performs each of those functions (i.e. establish justice).
2. Under Article 1, what is the minimum age required to serve in the House of Representatives? How long must that person have been a citizen of the U.S.?
3. According to Section 3 of Article 1, how long is a senator elected to serve?
4. In the original language of Section 3, Article 1, who selected the senators for each state? Is that the system used today? If not, what system of electing United States senators is used today?
5. According to Section 3 of Article 1, who is the President of the Senate? What, if any, restrictions does the Constitution place on his role in the Senate?
6. According to Section 3 of Article 1, who presides over the Senate in the absence of the individual indicated in the previous question?
7. According to Section 3 of Article 1, if the President of the United States is impeached and the Senate sits as a jury, who shall preside? What percentage of the Senate must vote for conviction for the President to be removed from office?
8. According to Section 7 of Article 1, all bills for raising revenue shall originate in which house of Congress?
9. According to Section 7 of Article 1, if the President vetoes a bill passed by both houses of Congress, the Congress can reconsider and override the veto by a vote of ____ of both houses.
10. A bill will automatically become law if the President has not signed it within _____ after it has been presented to him. Unless _____.
11. Why do you think that the writers of the Constitution outlined the Legislature in Article 1 and the Executive in Article 2?
12. Based on Section 1 of Article 2, list 3 primary qualifications a person must meet to be elected President of the United States.
13. According to Section 2 of Article 2, what is the President's primary military power?
14. According to Article 3, Section 1, how long do Supreme Court justices hold their offices?