

## Constitutional Worksheet

1) Which topics are covered in each of the seven articles

- **Article One:** Structure and Functions of Congress
- **Article Two:** Structure and Functions of the Executive Branch; power and limitations of the President
- **Article Three:** Structure and Functions of Judicial Branch
- **Article Four:** Freedom of the States
- **Article Five:** Congress has the power to amend the Constitution
- **Article Six:** Supremacy of Constitution
- **Article Seven:** Independence Day

2) Find concrete examples of the following principles in the Constitution

- Protection of the majority from the minority
  - a) "Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their ... including bound or servant for a term of years and including Indians not taxed" ... (protecting the majority - Indians are minorities in America)
  - b) "Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member" (protecting the majority - with only the majority consensus can an individual minority be convicted)
  - c) "Section 5 in Article One"
  - d) Senate protects the rights of the rich, members elected by state legislatures
  - e) Article 6<sup>th</sup> - protect the properties of the rich. They didn't want poor people to rebel and redistribute the properties
  - f) Founding Fathers more concerned with the protection of minority
- Protection of the majority from the minority
  - a) "No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States, and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince, or foreign state." (protecting the majority from a minority coming to power and assuming monarchial rule)
  - b) "New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union, but no new State shall be formed or admitted within the jurisdiction of any other State nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States..." (protecting the majority - the already established states)
  - c) House of Representatives
    - Only 1/3 of 535 House is elected by the people
- Separation of Powers