

CONSTITUTIONAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Give both the correct answer and the source where the information is found. If it is in the Constitution list the exact amendment or article/section/clause where it is found.

1. Who is the “father of the Constitution”?
2. The essay urging ratification during the New York ratification debates were known as:

3. Name two authors of “The Federalists Papers.”
4. How many states were required to ratify the Constitution before it could go into effect?
5. Which were the last two states to ratify (after the new government had already begun to function)?
6. How often is the number of congressional districts per state determined?
7. According to Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution, how were slaves to be counted when determining the number of congressional districts per state?
8. Who has the sole power of impeachment?
9. Who has the sole power to try officials who have been impeached?
10. When the president of the U.S. is tried for impeachment, who presides at the trial?
11. According to the Constitution, a writ of habeas corpus may not be suspended except under what condition?
12. The first article of the Constitution places limits on the states. Name one.
13. Name two congressional limits on the President according to the Constitution.
14. Which article of the constitution defines the powers of the President?
15. For what office mentioned in the Constitution must a person be a natural-born citizen?
16. Name three powers of the President as stated in the Constitution.
17. Which branch (es) of the federal government is responsible for establishing lower federal courts?
18. What is the Vice-President’s only constitutional responsibility?
19. What is the only condition specified by the constitution concerning the nature of state government?
20. What is the only crime defined by the Constitution?
21. What does the Constitution require to convict a person for treason?
22. How does Article VI of the Constitution resolve possible conflicts between state laws and federal laws?
23. What does Article VI say about administering religious tests to candidates for public offices?
24. How is it possible for a constitutional convention of 1789 to occur?
25. Can the president introduce, ratify, or veto a constitutional amendment?
26. What are the first ten amendments to the Constitution called?
27. There are five basic rights mentioned in the First Amendment. Name three?
28. Name five of the rights guaranteed to all citizens in the Bill of Rights.
29. What does the tenth amendment say about the delegation of powers to the states?
30. Which amendment established the federal income tax?
31. The Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, passed in what year?
32. People who fought for the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment were called_____.
33. According to the Twentieth Amendment, if the President-elect dies before the beginning of his/her term, who becomes president?
34. Name the only amendment that specifically repeals another amendment?
35. What was the purpose of the most recent amendment to the Constitution?
36. The argument that “anyone old enough to fight for his country, is old enough to vote” secured passage of what amendment?
37. What is the term (number of years) served by a member of the House of Representatives?
38. What is the term served by members of the Senate?
39. What is the minimum age for a Representative?
40. What is the minimum age for a Senator?
41. What is the minimum age for a President?
42. Name the amendments that banned slavery, declared all persons born or naturalized in the U.S. to be protection under the law, and established suffrage for Black Americans?
43. What is the exception to the Thirteenth Amendment’s abolition of involuntary servitude?
44. The 25th Amendment says a president unable to discharge the powers of his/her office must declare this in writing to two people. Who are they?
45. Which branch of government is given constitutional responsibility for regulation of trade?