

Overview of U.S. Constitution

Study guide

Know the answer to these questions: (You can find the answers in your notes and in your Student Journal. And play the game I passed out to you to help you remember other test questions.)

1. Why is it significant that “We the People” hold the ultimate power?
2. When the Constitution established a “More perfect union” of the United States what was it replacing that was a “loose league of friendship.”?
3. What was the FIRST or MOST IMPORTANT, purpose of the Constitution?
4. Another goal of the Constitution was to create a unified legal system for the whole nation. Why was this important?
5. What does “Provide for the common defense” mean in the Preamble?
6. What is the Mnemonic device that we can use to help us remember the Articles of the Constitution?
7. The Constitution is organized into what THREE main categories?
8. How many articles are in the Constitution?
9. How are the Articles numbered?
10. How are the sections numbered?
11. Are the Clauses numbered?
12. What would the third paragraph of a section be called?
13. What is the clause about coinage nicknamed?
14. To whom did Thomas Jefferson say the ultimate powers should be deposited (given)
15. Should some freedoms be taken away if the people aren’t enlightened (informed) enough?

16. If people aren't enlightened enough and there are abuses of constitutional power, what should be done?
17. Why is it important, then for us to study the U.S. Constitution?