The US Constitution

Multiple Choice:

1. What was the United States governed by from 1781 to 1789?
    a. The President
    b. Bill of Rights
    c. Articles of Confederation

2. Why was the United States Constitution written?
    a. The country was too weak and needed stronger government
    b. The government wanted to show that they had all the power
    c. The people voted on it

3. What year was the United States Constitution written?
    a. 1874
    b. 1787
    c. 1700

4. What branch of government makes the laws?
    a. Executive (President)
    b. Legislative (Congress)
    c. Judicial (The Courts)

5. What two houses does Congress have?
    a. The Senate and House of Representatives
    b. The Senate and The Cabinet
    c. Federal Agencies and the Courts

6. What branch of government decides if the laws are constitutional?
    a. The Executive Branch
    b. The Judicial Branch (The Supreme Court)
    c. Congress

7. Who is the Executive branch led by?
    a. Congress
    b. The President
    c. House of Representatives

8. Where did the delegates of the Constitutional Convention meet on September 17, 1787?
    a. The White House in Washington DC
    b. The Pentagon in Virginia
    c. The Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia

9. Why was the United States Constitution created?
    a. To take the place of the Bill of Rights
    b. To replace the Articles of Confederation
    c. To replace the Soviet Union

10. What was the purpose for a new Constitution?
    a. To establish the relationship between the federal government and the States
    b. Religious Freedom
    c. To bring families back together

11. How many delegates actually signed the US Constitution?
    a. 41
    b. 18
    c. 39

12. What state was the first to approve the Constitution?
    a. Virginia
    b. Delaware
    c. New Jersey

13. How many states had to approve the Constitution in order for it to go into effect?
    a. 9
    b. 13
    c. 10

14. What day is known as Constitution Day?
    a. July 4th
    b. October 1st
    c. September 17th

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Matching:

1. Popular Sovereignty
2. Checks and Balances
3. Separation of Powers
4. Federalism
5. Checks and Balances

A. the power of the government comes from the people; the people have the power to elect who they want to represent them

B. rights that the government has to recognize and protect; listed in the Bill of Rights

C. a political system that divides power between general and regional governments

D. government is split into 3 branches in order to keep any one branch from becoming too powerful

E. a system that keeps one branch from gaining too much power

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