

# 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

**Matching:**

1. Popular Sovereignty	A. the power of the government comes from the people; the people have the power to elect who they want to represent them
2. Checks and Balances	B. rights that the government has to recognize and protect; listed in the Bill of Rights
3. Separation of Powers	C. a political system that divides power between general and regional governments
4. Federalism	D. government is split into 3 branches in order to keep any one branch from becoming too powerful
5. Checks and Balances	E. a system that keeps one branch from gaining too much power