

Concept Vocabulary - from America's Constitution: A Biography

These activities go with the excerpt from America's Constitution: A Biography, Student Edition page 45.

PRACTICE A

Read each sentence. Then, fill in the blank with the correct concept vocabulary word.

Each word may be used more than once.

Vocabulary Words			
enacted	fiat	inaugurate	ratify

1. School rules were established by the _____ of the principal.
2. The council's new zoning policy was not _____ by careful debate but by the sudden _____ of a single powerful official.
3. After an election, the United States must _____ the person who won the election.
4. The city _____ a new traffic law at the end of last month.
5. The student government hopes to _____ a mentoring program that will shape the school's culture for years to come.
6. Voters refused to _____ the treaty because they believed it had been drafted in secret, without public input.
7. Once the legislature _____ the reform package, local agencies had no choice but to follow the new regulations.
8. Citizens voted to _____ the amendment to the state constitution.

PRACTICE B

Each sentence contains a concept vocabulary word. Mark *correct* or *incorrect* to indicate whether the sentence correctly uses the vocabulary word. If the word is used incorrectly, rewrite the sentence with the word used correctly.

1. Presidents are enacted at the start of their term in office.

correct incorrect

2. Congress will inaugurate new laws in their next session.

correct incorrect

3. The coach's private fiat was quietly discussed, but it did not become an officially enacted rule for the team.

correct incorrect

4. The club president tried to ratify a dress code by personal fiat, but members insisted that any rule be openly debated and formally approved.

correct incorrect

5. Before a constitutional amendment can limit presidential power, the states must inaugurate it through a nationwide vote.

correct incorrect

6. The board chose to inaugurate a scholarship fund rather than simply ratify the old financial aid policy.

correct incorrect

7. In the United States, it is the fiat of the people that gives a government power.

correct incorrect

8. Members of the club voted to ratify the new rules for membership.

correct incorrect
