

Worksheet - Constitution - Worksheet

Match the following principles with the statements that best exemplify them.

A. Popular sovereignty
D. Checks & balances

B. Limited government
E. Judicial Review

C. Separation of powers
F. Federalism

- ___ 1. The **people are the source** of all governmental authority.
- ___ 2. The **President is responsible** for executing, enforcing, & administering the law.
- ___ 3. Congress must have a **two-thirds vote in each house** to override a veto.
- ___ 4. This practice was established in **Marbury v. Madison (1803)**.
- ___ 5. **"Congress shall make no law..."**
- ___ 6. **Educational requirements** vary from state to state.
- ___ 7. Only **Congress has the power to declare war**.
- ___ 8. Presidential appointees are subject to **approval by the Senate**.
- ___ 9. **"We the People of the United States..."**
- ___ 10. The **rule of law**.
- ___ 11. In Pennsylvania, citizens **pay both a State and a Federal income tax**.
- ___ 12. Government may exercise only those **powers delegated to it**.
- ___ 13. Federal courts **may declare illegal any government action** violating Constitution.
- ___ 14. Government can **govern only with the consent of the governed**.
- ___ 15. **"All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress..."**
- ___ 16. All **treaties** made by the President **must be ratified by the Senate**.
- ___ 17. The Supreme Court has **voided more than 900 State laws as unconstitutional**.
- ___ 18. Powers not specifically given to the federal government are **retained by the States**.

True-False

- ___ 19. The Constitution is overweighed with insignificant detail about the day-to-day operation of the government.
- ___ 20. The Constitution places all governmental power in the hands of the national government.
- ___ 21. The basic powers of the national government are divided among three distinct and independent branches.
- ___ 22. Head-on clashes between the separate branches of government are frequent and often violent.

Answer the following.

- 23. How many resolutions calling for amendments have been sent on to the States, & how many have been finally ratified? _____
- 24. How can State legislatures begin the constitutional amendment process?

- 25. What are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution? _____
- 26. Who warned the country in 1796 against "the baneful effect on the spirit of party"? _____
- 27. Who once described the Supreme Court as "constitutional convention in continuous session"? _____
- 28. Which constitutional amendment was passed in response to the breaking of a 150-year-old custom? _____

True-False(then write the # of the amendment that supports your conclusion).

- ___ 29. Many high-school seniors may vote. _____
- ___ 30. Nancy Reagan was not allowed to vote for her husband in the 1984 presidential election. _____
- ___ 31. State legislatures choose members of the U.S. Senate. _____
- ___ 32. Adults may purchase and consume alcoholic beverages. _____
- ___ 33. You must believe in God to work for the government. _____
- ___ 34. The government has the right to tax your income. _____
- ___ 35. If Franklin D. Roosevelt were alive today, he would not be permitted to seek four terms as President. _____
- ___ 36. All Presidents since George Washington have been inaugurated in the same month of the year. _____
- ___ 37. When John Kennedy was elected President in 1960, he received the District of Columbia's 3 electoral votes. _____
- ___ 38. Most States today require the payment of a tax in order to vote. _____
- ___ 39. Congress may not prohibit the publication of magazines & newspapers. _____
- ___ 40. The right to vote does not depend on a person's race or color. _____
- ___ 41. If a President dies in office, the Secretary of State becomes acting President. _____

True-False(If the statement is false, replace the underlined word or phrase with one that would make the statement true.

- ___ 42. Since 1789, all federal courts aside from the Supreme Court have been established by **Constitutional amendment**. _____
- ___ 43. Congress has **formally** amended the Constitution many times over the years by passing thousands of statutes. _____
- ___ 44. The many departments, agencies, and offices of the executive branch have been established by **Congress**. _____
- ___ 45. Presidents have sent armed forces into combat without a congressional declaration of war **only twice**. _____
- ___ 46. An executive agreement is a pact made by **Congress** directly with the head of a foreign state. _____
- ___ 47. The Constitution **establishes two major** political parties. _____
- ___ 48. Political parties **have little effect on** the operation of government. _____
- ___ 49. The role of the President's Cabinet is based on **Article II of the Constitution**. _____
- ___ 50. **Franklin D. Roosevelt** was the first President to break the "no-third-term tradition." _____