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**THE CONSTITUTION & BILL OF RIGHTS GUIDE**

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**Directions: Use the Constitution in the Appendix of your text**

**Preamble**

1. Who is authorizing this constitution?
2. What are the purposes of the new government created by the Constitution?

**ARTICLE I: The Legislative Branch**

1. Name the 2 Houses of Congress.

**SECTION II: The House of Representatives**

1. How is each state’s representation determined in the House of Representatives?

**SECTION III: THE SENATE**

1. How many federal senators does each state get?
2. Name two special powers the Senate has?

**SECTION VII: METHOD OF MAKING LAWS**

1. In which house must all revenue (taxation) bills originate?
2. How can Congress override a presidential veto?

**SECTION VIII: Powers Granted to Congress**

1. Name 3 specific powers delegated to Congress.
2. Explain the meaning of the “commerce clause” (Article 1, Section 8, clause 3)

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Claude 18). You may use the commentary to help with this…

**SECTION IX: POWERS DENIED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

1. Name three specific powers that are denied Congress.

**ARTICLE II: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**SECTION I: PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT**

1. How long is a President’s term?
2. How is the President elected?
3. Who breaks the tie in the event that no candidate receives a majority

of the electoral votes?

**SectionS II & III: Powers of the President**

1. Name three powers the President has.

**ARTICLE III: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

**SECTION I: THE FEDERAL COURTS**

1. Which branch of government has the power to set up the federal

court system?

**SECTION II: JURISDICTION OF FEDERAL COURTS**

1. Name two types of cases that the Supreme Court may hear.

**ARTICLE V: THE PROCESS OF AMENDMENT**

1. Name one way that the Constitution can be amended (changed).

**ARTICLE VII: RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

1. How many states would have to ratify (approve) the Constitution

before it would become law?

**BILL OF RIGHTS (AMENDMENTS 1-10, RATIFIED 1791)**

1. List the 5 freedoms protected by the first amendment
2. According to the first clause, why was the right to bear arms

protected?

1. When could a homeowner be forced to quarter troops without their

consent?

1. What types of searches and seizures are banned by the fourth

amendment?

1. What types of things are protected by the fifth and sixth

amendments?

1. According to the seventh amendment, how much money must be in

dispute before a plaintiff may ask for a jury trial?

1. What types of punishments are banned by the eighth amendment?
2. According to the ninth amendment, is the bill of rights a

comprehensive list of all rights Americans have?

1. Who gets powers not specifically delegated to the national government nor denied to the states?

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

1. What is the purpose of the Constitution?
2. For which branch of government were the writers of the Constitution

the most specific?

1. Which branch do you think the founders thought would be the most

powerful? (Why)

1. Why do you think the Constitution is so short?