

Government Unit Study Guide
Due Date: **TBA...near the end of unit**
(25 Points)

1. What was the 1st US Constitution called?

2. Explain each of these 8 weaknesses of the US first constitution

A. No Chief Executive

B. NEW laws needed 9/13 states approval to be passed

C. Congress could NOT tax

D. Congress could NOT draft an army

E. There was NO national court system

F. Amendments needed approval of ALL 13 states

G. Congress could NOT collect state debts

H. Congress could NOT settle disputes among states

3. What was the event that made people realize the Articles of Confederation wasn't going to work?

4. Where was the Constitutional Convention? (What City?)

5. Who were 3 famous people at the Constitutional Convention and what do you know about each?

Person #1:
I learned...

Person #2:
I learned...

Person #3:
I learned...

6. What 3 things did all the people at the Constitutional Convention have in common?

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7. What are the 3 branches of government in the US ?

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8. Name what the group or position that leads each branch of government is called? **Label the branch with the name of the group or position**

Branch:	Branch:	Branch:
Leader:	Leader:	Leader:

9. What branch **MAKES** the laws?

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10. What branch of government **CARRIES OUT** the laws?

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11. What branch **EXPLAINS** the laws?

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12. Congress is divided into what 2 groups?

13. What is a term limit (time allowed to serve) for each of the following positions in the National Government?
A. Member of House of Representatives

B. Member of the Senate

C. President

D. Supreme Court Justice

14. What is the list of basic freedoms that US citizens have called?

15. What are 3 of the rights protected by the list of freedoms ?

16. How many members (or what fraction) of congress must vote to pass a law that...

A. President signs...

B. President vetoes...

17. Explain the process of how a law gets passed in 3-5 sentences. (text box will get bigger as you add)

18. What kind of votes determine the winner of a Presidential Election?

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19. Name 1 person in history who had more votes in a Presidential election but LOST the election

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20. What are the 2 main political parties in the US?

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21. List 2 differences the main political parties have. List the issue and what each side believes

22. What are the 4 main kinds of taxes in the United States?

A.

B.

C.

D.

23. In order of strongest to weakest what are the 3 levels of government in the country...(think of the government cake)

Strongest:
Middle:
Weakest:

Government Unit Key Terms

Constitution-

Federal-

Bill of Rights-

Amendment-

Compromise-

Cabinet-

Veto-

Majority-

Electoral College-

Popular Vote-

Electoral Vote-

Swing State-

Political Party-

Checks and Balances-

Bill-