

# Constitution Unit TEST

This TEST will include all information included in Chapter 7 sections 3, 4, and the end of 2. It will also include the materials we covered in Chapter 8, sections 1, 2, and 3. Be sure to study all handouts, notes, and activities completed during the unit. The test will be given before holiday break.

## **Political Philosophy** (Documents + Education + Experience = Constitution)

- I can explain the philosophical influences of the US Constitution.
- I can explain how three historical documents influenced the US Constitution (i.e. the Articles of Confederation, the English Bill of Rights, the Magna Carta, and the English Bill of Rights)
- I can explain how the framers experiences with government influenced the US Constitution.

## **Constitutional Principles**

- Federalism
  - I can define federalism, explain why it is necessary, and explain how power is shared in American government (give examples).
- Checks and Balances
  - I can define checks and balances, explain why they are important, and give several examples in each branch of government.
- Separation of Powers
  - I can define separation of powers, explain why it is important, and give examples of how power is distributed in our federal government.

## **The Three Branches of Government**

- I can list what groups/offices make up each branch.
- I can list and explain the major roles and powers of each branch.

## **Preamble**

- I can use the Preamble to explain the purpose of the US Constitution.

## **Bill of Rights**

- I can explain what the Bill of Rights is and explain its purpose.
- I can describe the freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights (i.e. -- freedoms of expression, rights of the accused, reserved powers)
- I can use specific amendments in the Bill of Rights to make connections to my daily life.

## **Ratification**

- I understand the history of the ratification of the Constitution.
- I understand how the Constitution can be changed and why the process is so difficult.
- I can contrast the Federalist and Anti-Federalist positions on the ratification of the Constitution (at least 3 examples for each).

## **Vocabulary:**

The Enlightenment  
Federalist  
Anti-Federalist  
Federalist Papers  
veto  
amendments  
due process  
ratify  
override

Federalism  
popular sovereignty  
limited government  
republic  
representative government  
pure democracy  
bill  
Magna Carta  
English Bill of Rights

Continental Congress  
Thomas Jefferson  
James Madison  
George Washington  
Montesquieu  
John Locke  
Hobbes