

CONSTITUTION STUDY GUIDE: CHAPTER 8 UNIT TEST

Guiding Questions:

1. In what sense is the Constitution a statement of limited government?
2. What are the seven principles of government in the Constitution?

Key Terms:

Popular Sovereignty
Federalism
Republicanism
Veto
Ratify
Appeal
Override
Amend
Limited Government
Separation of Powers
Checks and Balances
Judicial Review
Elastic Clause
Impeach
Bill of Rights
Delegated Powers
Reserved Powers
Concurrent Powers
Legislative
Executive
Judicial

The Preamble: What are the goals stated in the Preamble?

The Articles: What topic of government does each of the Articles address?

How does separation of powers limit government?

How does federalism limit government?

Article I: The Legislative Branch

- What are the houses of Congress?
- How many Senators are there from each state? Who are the NY senators?
- How many Representatives are there in total in the House?
- Who is the Rep. from Westchester?
- What is the primary responsibility of the Legislative Branch?
- Why is there an “elastic clause” written into Article I? What does it allow Congress to do?
- How does a Bill become a Law?
 - Subcommittee, Conference Committee

- How can Congress “check” the powers of the other branches?

Article II: The Executive Branch

- What are the duties of the President?
- How can the President “check” the powers of the other branches?

Article III: The Judicial Branch

- How many Justices sit on the court?
- For how long are they appointed?
- What is the purpose of the Judicial Branch
- How can the Supreme Court “check” the powers of the other branches?
- Why is judicial review an important power?
- How does a case reach the Supreme Court?

Electoral College:

- Who do people vote for on Election Day?
- How is the number of Electors for each state determined?
- How do most states determine who wins the Electoral votes?
- How can a candidate win the popular vote in the country and still lose the election?

Citizenship:

- What is a citizen? What does it mean to be naturalized? What is a resident alien?
- What is civic duty? What are our democratic values?
- What are our responsibilities as citizens?