

The U. S. Constitution Worksheet

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VIRGINIA PLAN 	THE GREAT COMPROMISE 	NEW JERSEY PLAN
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James Madison

William Patterson

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NORTHERN VIEW 	THE 3/5's COMPROMISE 	SOUTHERN VIEW
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The Constitution: Part by Part

Preamble:

What are the purposes of the new government?

Article I – Legislative Branch:

1. Name the two branches of the legislature. What are they jointly called?

2. Who is the chief officer of the House of Representatives? Of the Senate?

3. Describe the impeachment process.

4. How often must Congress meet? Why?

7. Describe the skeletal outline of passing a bill into law?

8. What are the two kinds of vetoes?

9. What were some of the powers exclusively held by Congress?

10. Pay special attention to the last clause of Section 8 (clause 18)—the elastic clause. How does this function?

12. Why are titles of nobility prohibited?

13. How do the election procedures differ for the House and the Senate?

Article II – Executive Branch:

1. Know the term of office for President and the qualifications for the office.

2. How is the President elected?

3. How can a President be removed from office? List the reasons.

4. What are the Constitutional duties of the President?

5. What power does the President share with the Senate?

Article III – Judicial Branch:

1. How is the judicial power distributed?

2. How long do federal judges serve?

3. What are the exclusive powers (original jurisdiction) of the Supreme Court?

4. What are the appellate powers of the Supreme Court?

5. What is treason?

Article IV – Relations Among the States:

1. What are the guarantees to citizens of every state?
2. How are new states to be admitted?
3. What is a republican form of government?

Article V – Amending the Constitution:

1. Describe in detail methods by which the Constitution can be amended. How do these illustrate the principle of federalism?

Article VI – Supremacy of the Constitution:

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. Do you see cause for state-central government conflict in this article? How?

Article VII – Ratification:

1. How is the Constitution ratified?

VOCABULARY FOR THE CONSTITUTION:

1. Enumerated powers: _____
2. Delegated powers: _____
3. Implied powers: _____
4. Writ of habeas corpus: _____