

1. *How does We the People help us understand the framers conception of consent of the governed and popular sovereignty?*
2. *How did the framers understand justice?*
3. *What was the role of government ordained and established by the Framers in the Constitution?*
4. *Why did the Framers create a bicameral legislature of a Senate and House of Representatives?*
5. *How can you create a model House of Representatives in your class?*
6. *[How does the Constitution treat slavery?](#)*
7. *What is the nature of representation in the Senate and the broader U.S. constitutional system?*
8. *What charges were brought against Presidents Johnson, Nixon, and Clinton during their impeachments?*
9. *What did the legislative process look like for Senators and Representatives from 1789-1860?*
10. *Why was the period from the Civil War to 1910 known as the “Golden Age” for political parties and how did that impact legislative proceedings?*
11. *What impacts did reforms have on Congress during the 20th and 21st centuries?*
12. *What is the state of both Houses of Congress in the 2010s?*
13. *What is the process for raising revenue and creating a federal budget?*
14. *Why did President Cleveland veto a bill to assist drought-stricken farmers in Texas?*
15. *What role do checks and balances and separation of powers play in our constitutional system? Why is every concurrence by the legislature next presented to the president?*
16. *What power is granted to Congress by the Constitution?*
17. *How has the “Commerce Clause” been interpreted by the Supreme Court?*
18. *What have the debates in U.S. history on naturalization law been over?*
19. *How did inventors like Stephanie Kwolek, Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison benefit from the U.S. patent system?*
20. *How are powers separated between branches for making war?*

21. How did the Supreme Court initially interpret the “Necessary and Proper” clause?
22. How does the Constitution treat slavery?
23. Why did President Lincoln suspend habeas corpus during the Civil War?
24. How did Clement Vallandigham practice self-sacrifice during the Civil War and Southern rebellion?
25. What is the role of the executive?
26. Why do electors select presidents in our constitutional system?
27. What is the process by which the vice president can take the place of the president?
28. How does the presidential inauguration compare to the inauguration of the executive in other nations?
29. How did John F. Kennedy display responsibility during his inauguration as President of the United States?
30. What does it mean to be commander in chief?
31. Why did the Framers give the president the power to grant reprieves and pardons?
32. Why is the advice and consent of the Senate required to make treaties?
33. Why did President Wilson and the Senate clash over treaties after WWI?
34. What led to the rise of the administrative state ensuring that laws be faithfully executed?
35. Why did the Supreme Court become involved in the impeachment of President Nixon?
36. What role does the judicial power play in our constitutional system?
37. What have been the most important Supreme Court cases in U.S. history?
38. Are Native American tribes considered to be part of a foreign state?
39. Are you looking for current events on constitutional principles like citizen juries?
40. What made Benedict Arnold one of the most infamous traitors in U.S. history?
41. What role do state and local governments play in the U.S. constitutional system?

42. How did Harriet Tubman help enslaved persons escape southern states?
43. How did the “needful rules and regulations” clause play a role in the Dred Scott Supreme Court case?
44. What percentage of a population needs to be allowed to vote to consider a government to be republican?
45. What are the traits that a republican form of government possesses?
46. What initial Supreme Court ruling dealt with the so called “Supremacy Clause”?
47. What did the Framers believe the relationship between religion and the state should be?
48. Why did the Anti-Federalists not support the ratification of the Constitution?
49. Who were the men who were involved in creating, signing, and ratifying the Constitution?
50. What was the Framers’ understanding of religious liberty?
51. What have been the most important Supreme Court cases on freedom of speech?
52. Why is freedom of the press essential to self-government?
53. What are the limits on your right to assemble and petition the government?
54. How has the Second Amendment been interpreted by the Supreme Court?
55. What privacy rights against [unreasonable searches and seizures](#) have been guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment?
56. What relationship do Miranda rights have with your right to not be a witness against yourself?
57. What does the phrase “due process of law” mean?
58. How does the Fifth Amendment protect private property?
59. What Supreme Court case incorporated the right to counsel at the state level?
60. How does the protection against cruel and unusual punishment protect freedom for Americans?
61. What is the purpose of the Ninth Amendment?

62. Why does the Constitution *delegate* some powers to the federal government and some to the states?
63. What powers did the Framers reserve to the states?
64. What was the first election where the president was chosen by the House of Representatives?
65. Why did Abraham Lincoln create the Emancipation Proclamation, the precursor to the Thirteenth Amendment?
66. What measures did Congress pass during Reconstruction to protect freedmen?
67. How has the meaning of the Bill of Rights change with incorporation and the Fourteenth Amendment?
68. What is the purpose of *taxation in a free society*?
69. What is the historical background for the Sixteenth Amendment?
70. What were the effects of Prohibition and why was it repealed?
71. How did suffragists map out a pathway for change for women voting?
72. What president established the precedent of *serving two terms before leaving office*?
73. How did African Americans fight for their civil rights during the 20th century?
74. Why did the U.S. pass the Twenty-Fifth Amendment?