

## Summer Assignment: AP US Government

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Two parts:

1. Be ready to take a test the first day of class memorizing the 27 Amendments to the Constitution. You do not have to memorize them word for word, just the main idea or phrase. Only for the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment do I expect you to know more than one phrase. You also have to memorize the 3 branches of government and their functions and 4 enumerated powers listed in Article Section 8. I have attached a list of the Amendments and a sample sheet you will take the test on to help you prepare. (34 points)
2. Answer the following questions on the Constitution (28 points). You can easily find the Constitution on-line. Here is one link I found: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/>

### Constitution Questions:

1. Please copy the Preamble to the Constitution:
2. Article I deals with which branch of government?
3. What are the two houses of Congress?
4. Please name 3 or more listed powers of the Senate:
5. Please name 3 or more listed powers of the House of Representatives:
6. How is the length of time different between elections different between the two houses? (Article I, Section 3)
7. How are the age qualifications different for the houses? (Article I, Start of Section 2+3)
8. Who gets to decide the time, place, and manner of holding elections? (Article I, Section 4)
9. How many people (Not an exact #, but a percent) are needed in each house for a quorum? (Article I, Section 5)
10. Please list 8 enumerated powers in Section 8 of Article I:
11. What is the elastic clause in Section 8 of Article I? (Last one listed) Please copy it down word for word:

12. In Section 9 of Article I, what are 3 civil liberties listed (Some of them are in Latin)?
13. In Section 10, Article I, what are 3 powers denied to the states?
14. In Article II, what are 5 listed formal powers of the President?
15. In Section 2 of Article II, when can the President make recess appointments and when do they expire?
16. In Article III, Section 1, how long do judges serve for?
17. In Article III, Section 1, who may from time to time ordain and establish the courts?
18. In Article III, Section 2, what type of cases are defined as original jurisdiction by the Supreme Court?
19. In Article IV, Section 1, what does the Full Faith and Credit clause mean? Please translate in your own words.
20. In Article V, what are the different methods for amending the Constitution?
21. What amendments are Civil Liberties (freedom of \_\_\_ or protection from government) amendments? (List #'s)
22. What Amendments are suffrage amendments?
23. What Amendment is the state's rights amendment?
24. What 3 Amendments are the Reconstruction Amendments?
25. What 4 Amendments are the Progressive Amendments (Next 4 after Reconstruction)?
26. Please copy the free exercise clause and establishment clause in the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment:
27. Please copy out the equal protection clause and due process clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment:
28. Besides freedom of religion, what are 4 other freedoms listed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment?

## Constitutional Amendments

Amendment	Key Issue/ Term
1st	1. Freedom to practice religion 2. No establishment of a national religion 3. Freedom of Speech 4. Freedom of the Press 5. Freedom of Assembly 6. Freedom to petition the government
2nd	Right to bear arms
3rd	Do not have to quarter soldiers
4th	No search and seizures without a warrant
5th	No double jeopardy, no self-incrimination, no eminent domain without just compensation, due process of law
6th	Speedy and public trial, right to confront witnesses, and have an attorney
7th	Jury in civil trials
8th	No excessive bail or cruel or unusual punishment
9th	Rights retained by the people, the Bill of Rights is not the exclusive list, other rights exist
10th	Reserved states' rights
11th	Rules for lawsuits against states
12th	Separate electoral votes for President and Vice-President
13th	Abolition of Slavery
14th	Citizenship rights for all people born in the US, States cannot deny due process rights or equal protection under the law
15th	Voting rights cannot be denied based on race
16th	Federal income tax
17th	Direct election of Senators
18th	Prohibition
19th	Women's suffrage
20th	Earlier start to federal terms for Congress and the President
21st	Repeal of prohibition
22nd	2 term limit for Presidents
23rd	Number of electoral votes of Washington D.C.
24th	No poll tax

25th	Presidential succession
26th	Voting rights to 18 year-olds
27th	No Congressional pay raises in term

**What are the three branches of government and what are their functions?**

- 1. Executive Branch: Implement, carry-out and enforce Laws**
- 2. Judicial Branch: Interpret Laws**
- 3. Legislative Branch: Make Laws**

**What are four enumerated powers of Congress in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution?**

- 1. Levy taxes**
- 2. Regulate Commerce**
- 3. Declare War**
- 4. Coin and borrow money**

**Sample of test sheet for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class: For you to practice, you do not need to fill it out.**

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1st	1. 2. 3. 4.
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