

US Government Test

Name _____ Date _____

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- a. New York
- b. Frankfort
- c. Philadelphia
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- b. May
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6. Which is a responsibility of a citizen of the United States?

- a. to vote
- b. to pay taxes
- c. to serve on a jury
- d. all of the above

7. What is the youngest a President can be?

- a. 25
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- c. 35
- d. 40

8. Who is considered to be the “Father of the Constitution” for his role in writing it?

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- c. George Bush
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9. Which cabinet member advises the president about foreign policy?

- a. Department of Homeland Security
- b. Department of State
- c. Department of the Interior
- d. Department of Commerce

10. Who is the president of the Senate?

- a. The Minority Leader
- b. The Majority Leader
- c. The Vice President
- d. The Mayor

11. How many times has the U.S. Constitution been amended?

- a. 18
- b. 20
- c. 27
- d. 30

12. Which of the following is the term for someone born in US Territories, but not within the 50 states?

- a. alien
- b. citizen
- c. national
- d. immigrant

Fill in the blank with the following words.

Bill of Rights	Constitution	We the people	Freedom of Religion
Branches	President	Senate	House of Representatives
Six years	Two years	Four years	Veto
Cabinet	Judicial	Legislative	Supreme Court

13. Representatives must be reelected every _____.

14. The three _____ of government are the executive, legislative and judicial.

15. The president has the right to _____ a bill if he disagrees with it.

16. The Bill of Rights grants us many things including _____.

17. Barak Obama is the current _____.

18. The _____ branch is made up of the Supreme Court.

19. A senator must be reelected every _____.

20. The first words of the Constitution are _____.

21. Congress is also known as the _____ branch of government.

22. A presidential election takes place every _____.

23. The _____ grants us freedoms such as speech, press, religion and the right to bear arms.

24. _____ members advise the president on such matters as commerce, defense, transportation and education.

25. The Senate and _____ make up Congress.

26. The highest court in the land is called the _____.

27. The _____ is made up of 100 members, two from each state.

28. The supreme law of the land is known as the _____.

Write about some of your rights as a citizen of the United States.

Write about some of your responsibilities as a citizen of the United States.

Match the definitions to the correct term.

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| _____ 2. Impeachment | b. people who have immigrated to the US, but are not citizens |
| _____ 3. Ratification | c. having one central government with individual governments also |
| _____ 4. Tabling Motion | d. an early election to determine party candidates |
| _____ 5. Bicameral | e. a box where potential bills are dropped to be introduced |
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| _____ 7. Electoral College | g. a gathering of Democrats or Republicans to vote on and announce their presidential and vice presidential candidates |
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16. The Bill of Rights grants us many things including freedom of religion.

17. Barak Obama is the current president.

18. The judicial branch is made up of the Supreme Court.

19. A senator must be reelected every six years.

20. The first words of the Constitution are **We the people**.
21. Congress is also known as the **legislative** branch of government.
22. A presidential election takes place every **four years**.
23. The **Bill of Rights** grants us freedoms such as speech, press, religion and the right to bear arms.
24. **Cabinet** members advise the president on such matters as commerce, defense, transportation and education.
25. The Senate and **House of Representatives** make up Congress.
26. The highest court in the land is called the **Supreme Court**.
27. The **Senate** is made up of 100 members, two from each state.
28. The supreme law of the land is known as the **Constitution**.

Write about some of your rights as a citizen of the United States.

We have rights to such things as speech, press, religion, owning guns, speedy trial by jury and privacy.

Write about some of your responsibilities as a citizen of the United States.

Some of our responsibilities include voting, paying taxes, serving on juries, obeying laws and registering for the draft.

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