

**AP Government and Politics**

**Summer/Winter Assignment**

**This is an extra credit assignment worth 25 points. Directions: Read the U.S. Constitution and complete the Constitution Scavenger Hunt directly on this paper. Must be handwritten, neatly.** The extra credit assignment is due during the second week of school or of second semester. If you have a question or need assistance, please email me at [zuercherd@pcsb.org](mailto:zuercherd@pcsb.org).

**Article I**

1. How often are Representatives to be elected? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long is the term for a senator? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How were senators originally chosen? Which amendment changed that?  
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4. Who is the president of the Senate and when may that person vote?  
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5. Which legislative body has the power of impeachment and which body has the power to try an impeached official?  
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6. Who shall officiate when a president is tried for impeachment? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the required vote that is necessary to convict someone who has been impeached? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the only penalty that can be imposed on someone who has been impeached? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Who decides the times, places, and manner for holding elections for Congress? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. In what federal body do all bills concerning taxes originate? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What fraction of both houses must vote to override a veto? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What happens when a president doesn't return a bill in 10 days and what is the exception to that rule?  
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13. In Section 8, the Constitution lists or enumerates the powers of Congress. List SIX of them.
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Identify the purpose of the Commerce Clause. \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. In Section 8, which clause gives Congress the most general, non-specific powers? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is the purpose of that clause? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Name THREE limits on the powers of the states.
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**Article II**

18. How is it determined how many electors each state has? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Name THREE powers of the President.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

20. Which body of Congress approves nominations? \_\_\_\_\_

21. What can a president or other officers be impeached for? \_\_\_\_\_

**Article III**

22. What is the term of office for Supreme Court justices? When may they be removed? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Who gets to decide how many federal courts we have? \_\_\_\_\_

24. In which cases does the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?

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4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**Article IV**

25. What is the topic of Article IV? \_\_\_\_\_

26. What limitation is put on admitting new states to the Union? \_\_\_\_\_

**Article V**

27. What fraction of the houses of Congress is necessary to approve a proposed amendment? \_\_\_\_\_

**Article VI**

28. What does the Constitution say about which law shall predominate if there is any conflict between laws? \_\_\_\_\_

29. What qualification for holding any public office is forbidden? \_\_\_\_\_

**Article VII**

30. How many states had to ratify the Constitution? \_\_\_\_\_

31. What is the supremacy clause? \_\_\_\_\_

**Amendments**

32. Name the FIVE basic civil liberties guaranteed in the First Amendment.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

33. In your own words, explain the free exercise clause. \_\_\_\_\_

34. Which amendment outlaws "cruel and unusual punishments?" \_\_\_\_\_

35. Put the Ninth Amendment in your own words. \_\_\_\_\_

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36. Define enumerated. \_\_\_\_\_

37. Name the one part of Amendment 14 and explain it. \_\_\_\_\_

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38. Name the other part of Amendment 14 and explain it. \_\_\_\_\_

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39. Define Incorporation Doctrine. \_\_\_\_\_

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40. Put the Tenth Amendment in your own words. \_\_\_\_\_

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41. When can the government take private property and what must the government give the owners? Which amendment established this? \_\_\_\_\_

42.. List the FIVE rights that the accused has when suspected of a crime.

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4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

43. Which amendment gave women the right to vote and in what year was it passed? \_\_\_\_\_

44. Which amendment decided that a person could be president for only two terms? \_\_\_\_\_

45. On what day does the Constitution state that a new president shall be inaugurated? Which amendment establishes this? When must the new Congress meet? \_\_\_\_\_

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46. Which amendment establishes what to do if the president is incapacitated and can't perform his duties? \_\_\_\_\_

47. Name two important influences on the writing of the Constitution. \_\_\_\_\_

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48. Define Civil Liberties. \_\_\_\_\_

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49. Define Civil Rights. \_\_\_\_\_

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50. What is the most important amendment to you and why \_\_\_\_\_

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