

The Constitutional Convention Quiz Study Guide

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Circle the correct answer:

1. What plan did the small states favor at the Constitutional Convention?
 - A. Albany Plan of Union
 - B. Bill of Rights
 - C. New Jersey Plan
 - D. Rhode Island Plan
2. What state did not send a representative to the Constitutional Convention?
 - A. Maryland
 - B. Rhode Island
 - C. Connecticut
 - D. Delaware
3. What is the purpose of the legislative branch of government?
 - A. to decide if laws are constitutional
 - B. to make laws
 - C. to carry out the laws
 - D. to have two houses
4. Who was known as the “Father of the Constitution?”
 - A. Alexander Hamilton
 - B. George Washington
 - C. James Madison
 - D. Thomas Jefferson
5. What is the primary responsibility of the Judicial Branch of the federal government?
 - A. to make laws
 - B. to enforce laws
 - C. to make sure that laws are carried out fairly
 - D. to divide the government into three branches
6. The “Three-Fifths Compromise” stated that:
 - A. Slaves would count as three-fifths of a person
 - B. Three women would equal five men
 - C. Three large states would equal five small states
 - D. Each state would have three Senators for every five Congressmen

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7. Into how many branches is today's United States federal government divided?

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Five

8. By what document was the second and current national government of the United States of America created?

- A. Articles of Confederation
- B. Bill of Rights
- C. Constitution of the United States
- D. Fundamental Orders of Connecticut

9. What is the branch of government that carries out the laws made by the legislative branch?

- A. Judicial
- B. Executive
- C. Legislative
- D. Senate

10. What city hosted the Constitutional Convention?

- A. Albany
- B. Boston
- C. New York
- D. Philadelphia

11. On a separate sheet of paper write your name and section and answer the following question, using at least three examples:

What were some strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution in 1787?

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Answers:

1. C. New Jersey Plan
2. B. Rhode Island
3. B. to make laws
4. C. James Madison
5. C. to make sure that laws are carried out fairly
6. A. Slaves would count as three-fifths of a person
7. B. Three
8. C. Constitution of the United States
9. B. Executive
10. D. Philadelphia