

High School Civics and Government Fundamentals

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1. Which document serves as the supreme law of the United States?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Declaration of Independence
- C) The U.S. Constitution**
- D) The Articles of Confederation

2. How many branches of government are established by the U.S. Constitution?

- A) Two
- B) Three**
- C) Four
- D) Five

3. Which branch of government has the power to declare war?

- A) The Legislative branch**
- B) The Judicial branch
- C) The Executive branch
- D) The Cabinet

4. What is the primary responsibility of the Judicial branch?

- A) To enforce laws
- B) To write laws
- C) To interpret laws**
- D) To veto laws

5. Which age is the minimum requirement for a U.S. citizen to vote in federal elections?

- A) 16
- B) 18**
- C) 21
- D) 25

6. Who is the commander-in-chief of the U.S. military?

- A) The Secretary of Defense
- B) The Speaker of the House
- C) The President**
- D) The Vice President

7. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to freedom of speech?

A) First Amendment

B) Second Amendment

C) Fifth Amendment

D) Tenth Amendment

8. What is the term for a system of government where power is divided between a central authority and individual states?

A) Monarchy

B) Dictatorship

C) Federalism

D) Oligarchy

9. Which legislative body is known as the 'upper house' of the U.S. Congress?

A) The House of Representatives

B) The Senate

C) The Supreme Court

D) The Cabinet

10. What does the 'due process' clause in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments protect?

A) The right to bear arms

B) The right to a trial by jury

C) The right to life, liberty, or property

D) The right to assembly

11. Which official heads the Executive branch of the Australian government?

A) The Governor-General

B) The Chief Justice

C) The Prime Minister

D) The Queen

12. What is the process of a bill becoming a law in the U.S. Congress?

A) Presidential approval only

B) Passing both houses of Congress and receiving Presidential signature

C) Supreme Court approval

D) A popular vote by the citizens

13. Which of these is a civic duty required by law for U.S. citizens?

A) Voting in elections

B) Donating to charities

C) Serving on a jury when summoned

D) Joining a political party

14. How many senators represent each U.S. state in the Senate?

- A) One
- B) Two**
- C) Four
- D) Based on population

15. Who holds the power to veto legislation passed by Congress?

- A) The Chief Justice
- B) The Vice President
- C) The Speaker of the House
- D) The President**