

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