#### Trivia Night: American History

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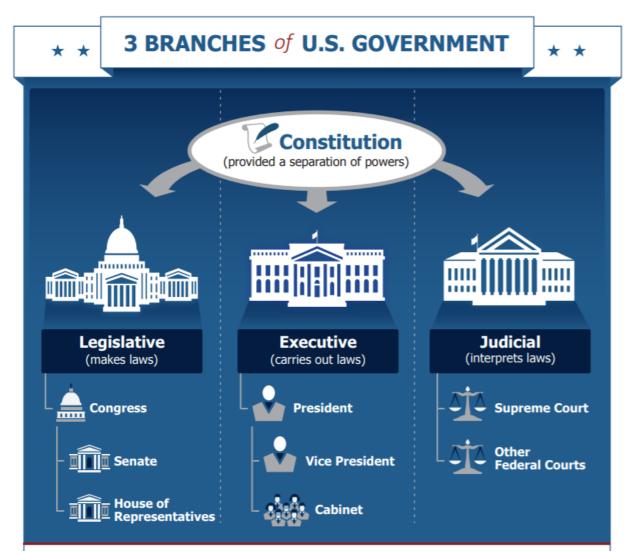
#### Overview |

#### Birth of America

- The United States of America started as European immigrants seeking political liberty, religious freedom, and economic freedom
- The original settlement was called the Thirteen Colonies (including modern day New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia)
- The colonist declared their independence from Great Britain by adopting Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776
- In the Revolutionary War, the colonist fought the British military and finally won in 1783
- The Founding Fathers then wrote and ratified the Constitution, which is the basic laws and principles of the United States



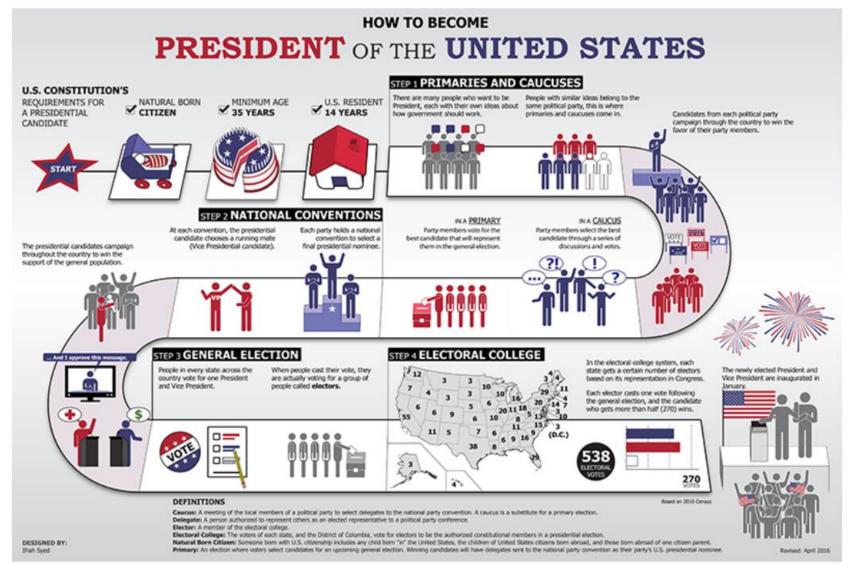
#### American Political System



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#### How do I become President?





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#### OTIVIA TIME

#### Rules of the game:



- Honor system
- Easy / Medium / Difficult levels
  - = Green / Yellow / Red
  - = 1 point / 2 points / 3 points

#### O American Law

## Q: What is the supreme law of the land?

#### A: The Constitution

The Constitution was drafted by the Founding Fathers to define the government and basic rights of American

#### Q: What is an amendment?

## A: A change or addition to the Constitution

### Q: What is protected in the First Amendment?

A. Freedom of speech

C. Freedom of religion

B. Freedom of the press

D. All of the above

#### A: D all of the above

The First Amendment also include the freedom to assembly and the freedom to petition the government

### Q: How many amendments does the Constitution have?

## A: there are currently 27 amendments

# Q: Which amendment gave women the right to vote? (Bonus point: what year was this amendment ratified granting women the right to vote)

A. 3rd

B. 10th

C. 13th

D. 19th

E. None of the above

#### A: D) 19<sup>th</sup> amendment

This was passed by Congress in June 4 1919 and ratified by Congress in August 18, 1920

# Q: Which amendment abolished slavery? (Bonus point: what year was this amendment ratified)

A. 3rd

B. 10th

C. 13th

D. 15th

E. None of the above



#### A: C) 13<sup>th</sup> amendment

This was passed by Congress in January 31, 1865 and ratified by Congress in December 6, 1865

# Q: What did the Declaration of Independence do?

# A: Declare the colonies independence from Great Britain

# Q: When was the Declaration of Independence signed?

#### A: August 2 1776

The Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 but it wasn't fully signed until August 2, 1776

# Q: What are rights in the Declaration of Independence

# A: Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness

# American Government

## Q: How many US Senators are there?

#### A: 100 (2 per each state)

# Q: How many voting members are there in the House of Representatives?

A. 435

B. 327

C. 100

D. 250

E. None of the above

#### A: A) 435

# Q: US Senators are elected for how many years?

A. 2

C. 6

E. None of the above

B. 4

D. 8



#### A: C) 6 years



# Q: US Representatives are elected for how many years?

A. 2

C. 6

B. 4

D. 8

E. None of the above

#### A: A) 2 years



# Q: The President is elected for how many years?

A. 2

C. 6

 $\mathsf{D}$ 

E. None of the above

#### A: B) 4 years



# Q: How many justices are on the Supreme Court

A. 5

C. 9

B. 7

D. 10

E. None of the above

#### A: C) 9 justices



#### Q: If the President can no longer serves, who becomes President

A. Vice President

- B. First Lady/Husband
- C. President of the Senate D. Speaker of the House
- E. Picked by Supreme Court

# A: A) Vice President Mike Pence is currently the Vice President under President Donald Trump

#### Q: If both the President and VP can no longer serves, who becomes President

- A. Immediate re-election B. First Lady/Husband
- C. President of the Senate D. Speaker of the House
- E. Picked by Supreme Court



# A: D) Speaker of the House Nancy Peloski of the Democratic Party is currently the Speaker of the House

# Q: Which power does not belong to the federal government?

A. Print money

C. Declare war

E. Make Treaties

B. Provide schooling and education

D. Create an army

## A: B) Provide schooling and education

This is a power to the state government



#### O American History

# Q: Who was the first president? (bonus point: who was the first Vice President)

#### A: George Washington

George Washington was the general during the American Revolutionary War and became the first president afterwards. John Adams served as the first Vice President under Washington

# Q: When was the Constitution signed?

A. 1776

C. 1782

E. None of the above

B. 1780

D. 1787

#### A: D) 1787



# Q: Which state is not part of the 13 original colonies

A. Maryland

C. South Carolina

B. Georgia

D. Florida

#### A: D) Maine

Trick question because Maine was not a separate colony originally. It was part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and later separated

# Q: What territory did the United States buy from France (bonus point: which year)

#### A: D) Louisiana

The Louisiana Purchase occurred in 1803 for \$15 million dollars or 4 cents/acre

### Q: When did the Civil War end?

A. 1861

C. 1869

B. 1865

D. 1872

A: B) 1865

The American Civil War occurred from 1861-1865 between the North and South which eventually resulted in the abolition of slavery

#### O Random Facts

## Q: How many states are there?

#### A: 50

## Q: Which state joined the USA last and when?

A. New Mexico

C. Alaska

B. Arizona

D. Hawaii



#### A: D) Hawaii in August 1959

Q: What do the stars and stripes signify on the American flag?

A: the 50 stars represent the 50 states and 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies

# Q: Which state is the most populated state?

A. Texas

C. New York

B. California

D. Florida



#### A: B) California California has the largest population in the US, followed by Texas and **Florida**

# Q: What was the first capital of the USA?

- A. Washington D.C.
- C. New York City

- B. Philadelphia
- D. Boston



# A: C) New York City NYC was the first capital of the United States once the Constitution was ratified.

### Q: Who was the tallest President?

A. George Washington

C. Donald Trump

B. Abraham Lincoln

D. Andrew Jackson

A: B) Abraham Lincoln Abraham Lincoln was 6'4" or 193cm. James Madison, the fourth president was the shortest at 5'4" or 163cm. According to official documents, Donald Trump is at 6'3"

## Q: Who was the oldest President to serve?

- A. George Washington
- C. Donald Trump

- B. Ronald Reagan
- D. George Bush

#### A: B) Ronald Reagan Ronald Regan took office at 69 and stepped down just before his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. Trump is currently 74

# Q: What state is the Statue of Liberty in?

A: New Jersey The Statue of Liberty is technically in Jersey City, New Jersey. The copper statue was a gift from France to the United States in Oct 1886

### Q: Which president was in the Wrestling Hall of Fame?

- A. George Washington
- C. Donald Trump

- B. Abraham Lincoln
- D. Woodrow Wilson

#### A: B) Abraham Lincoln Before becoming president, Abe was the winner of 299 out of 300 fought matches

# Q: The secret service's original purpose was?

- A. Protect the President
- C. Elite military operations
- B. Combat currency counterfeit
- D. Combat government corruption



### A: B) Combat currency counterfeiting

Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation to create the US Secret Service hours before he was assassinated. It wasn't until 1901 that its mission changed to protect the president

### Q: Who was on the first \$1 bill?

- A. George Washington
- C. Salmon P Chase
- E. None of the above

- B. Alexander Hamilton
- D. Benjamin Franklin

#### A: C) Salmon P. Chase

The first \$1 bill was issued during the Civil War in 1862. Chase was the Secretary of Treasury at that time and was also the designer of the country's first bank notes



### Q: How much was Alaska purchased for from Russia?

A. \$7 million

C. \$87 million

B. \$26 million

D. \$245 million



#### A: A) \$7 million

Alaska was sold for \$7.2 million, which amounts to about 2 cents per acre



# Q: What is the most populated city in America?

A. New York City

C. Philadelphia

B. Boston

D. Los Angeles



#### A: A) New York City

New York City is home to 8.5 million people, which is more than 40 out of the 50 states in America

### Q: Which state doesn't practice Daylight Savings Time?

A. Alaska

B. Arizona

C. Washington

D. Texas

#### A: B) Arizona

Neither Hawaii nor Arizona practice daylight savings time



### Q: Which building has its own zipcode?

- A. White House
- C. Empire State Building
- E. None of the above

- B. One World Trade Center
- D. Philadelphia Independence Hall



# A: C) Empire State Building

In 1980, the Empire State Building was given its own zip code of 10188



### Q: What is the state animal of New York state?

A. Beaver

C. Pigeons

E. None of the above

B. Eastern Bluebird

D. Wood Duck



#### A: A) Beavers

The Eastern Bluebird is the state animal of Mississippi, Wood Duck for Missouri

### Q: In what state can you get a unicorn hunting license?

A. Texas

C. Michigan

E. Kansas

B. California

D. Florida



#### A: C) Michigan

You can obtain a unicorn-hunting license from Michigan's Lake Superior State University. The Unicorn Hunters were created in 1971 by W.T. Rabe, who was known for his clever PR stunts from his time as a Detroit-area publicist.