**1. What is the supreme law of the land?**

* The Constitution

**2. What does the Constitution do?**

* sets up the government
* defines the government
* protects basic rights of Americans

**3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?**

* We the People

**4. What is an amendment?**

* a change (to the Constitution)

**5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?**

* The Bill of Rights

**6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?\***

* Freedom of speech

**7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?**

* 27

**8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?**

* announced our independence from Great Britain

**9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?**

* life
* liberty

**10. What is freedom of religion?**

* You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.

**11. What is the economic system in the United States?\***

* market economy

**12. What is the “rule of law”?**

* No one is above the law.

**13. Name one branch or part of the government\***

* President

**14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?**

* separation of powers

**15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?**

* The President

**16. Who makes federal laws?**

* Congress

**17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?\***

* The Senate and House of Representatives

**18. How many U.S. senators are there?**

* 100

**19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?**

* 6

**20. Who is one of your state’s U.S. Senators now?\***

**21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?**

* 435

**22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?**

* 2

**23. Name your U.S. Representative**

**24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?**

* All people of the state

**25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?**

* because of the state’s population

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**26. We elect a President for how many years?**

* 4

**27. In what month do we vote for President?\***

November

**28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?\***

**29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?**

**30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?**

* The vice president

**31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?**

* The Speaker of the House

**32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?**

* The president

**33. Who signs bills to become laws?**

* The president

**34. Who vetoes bills?**

* The president

**35. What does the President’s Cabinet do?**

* Advises the president

**36. Name two Cabinet-level positions**

* Secretary of Energy
* Secretary of Education

**37. What does the judicial branch do?**

* reviews laws

**38. What is the highest court in the United States?**

* The Supreme Court

**39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?**

* 9

**40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?**

**41. Name one power of the federal government?**

* to print money

**42. Name one power of the states**

* give a driver’s license

**43. Who is the Governor of your state now?**

**44. What is the capital of your state?**

* Austin

**45. Name two major political parties in the United States?\***

* Democratic and Republican

**46. What is the political party of the President now?**

**47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?**

**48. Describe one of the four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote**

* Any citizen can vote.

**49. Name one responsibility that is only for US citizens\***

* vote in a federal election

**50. Name one right only for United States citizens**

* vote in a federal election

**51. Name two rights of everyone living in the U.S.**

* freedom of speech
* freedom of religion

**52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?**

* the United States
* the flag

**53. Name one promise you make when you become a U.s.citizen**

* obey the laws of the United States

**54. What age do citizens have to be to vote for president?\***

* 18 and older

**55. Name two ways that U.S. citizens can participate in their democracy**

* vote
* write to a newspaper

**56. What date is the last day you can submit federal income tax forms?\***

* April 15

**57. When must all men register for the Selective Service?**

* At 18

**58. Name one reason colonists came to America?**

* freedom

**59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?**

* Native Americans

**60. Which group of people was taken to the U.S. and sold as slaves?**

* Africans

**61. Why did the colonists fight the British?**

* because of high taxes

**62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?**

* Thomas Jefferson

**63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?**

* July 4, 1776

**64. Name three of the 13 original states**

**Correct answers (choose three):**

* New York
* New Jersey
* Virginia

**65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?**

* The Constitution was written.

**66. When was the Constitution written?**

1787

**67. Name one of the writers of the Federalist Papers**

* (James) Madison

**68. Name one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?**

* U.S. diplomat

**69. Who is considered the “Father of Our Country”?**

* (George) Washington

**70. Who was the first president?\***

* (George) Washington

**71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?**

* Louisiana

**72. Name one war fought by the U.s. in the 1800s**

* Civil War

**73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South**

* the Civil War

**74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War**

* slavery

**75. Name one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?\***

* freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)

**76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?**

* freed the slaves

**77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?**

* fought for women’s rights

**78. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.\***

* Vietnam War

**79. Who was President during World War I?**

* (Woodrow) Wilson

**80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?**

* (Franklin) Roosevelt

**81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?**

* Japan, Germany, and Italy

**82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?**

* World War II

**83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?**

* Communism

**84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?**

* Civil rights

**85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?\***

* fought for civil rights

**86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the U.s.?**

* Terrorists attacked the United States.

**87. Name one Native American tribe in the United States**

* Choctaw

**88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States**

* Missouri (River)

**89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the U.s.?**

* Pacific Ocean

**90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?**

* Atlantic Ocean

**91. Name one U.S. territory**

* Guam

**92. Name one state that borders Canada**

* New York

**93. Name one state that borders Mexico**

* Texas

**94. What is the capital of the United States?\***

* Washington, D.C.

**95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?\***

* New York Harbor

**96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?**

* because there were 13 original colonies

**97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?\***

* because there are 50 states

**98. What is the name of the national anthem?**

* The Star-Spangled Banner

**99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?\***

* July 4

**100. Name two national U.S. holidays**

* New Year’s Day
* Christmas