

U.S. Constitution Practice Test #1

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1. A major criticism of the Articles of Confederation was that too much power had been given to the
- A) British monarchy B) House of Burgesses
C) state governments D) national government
2. At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, the Great Compromise was concerned mainly with
- A) representation of the states in Congress
B) the powers of the executive
C) the question of slavery
D) control of interstate commerce
3. Base your answer to the following question on the quotation below and on your knowledge of social studies.
- ... The nation deserves and I will select a Supreme Court justice that Americans can be proud of. The nation also deserves a dignified process of confirmation in the United States Senate, characterized by fair treatment, a fair hearing and a fair vote. I will choose a nominee in a timely manner so that the hearing and the vote can be completed before the new Supreme Court term begins. ...
- President George W. Bush, 2005
- Which constitutional principle is suggested by this quotation?
- A) federalism B) checks and balances
C) States rights D) due process
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4. The principle of federalism as established by the United States Constitution provides for the
- A) separation of powers of the three branches of government
B) placement of ultimate sovereignty in the hands of the state governments
C) division of power between the state governments and the national government
D) creation of a republican form of government
5. The adoption of the Bill of Rights (1791) addressed Antifederalist criticism of the new Constitution by
- A) providing for an indirect method of electing the president
B) protecting citizens from abuses of power by the national government
C) allowing the national government to coin money
D) establishing a process for impeaching federal officials
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