

The US Constitution

COMPLETION: Fill in the blank with the term that best completes each sentence.

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| <i>Constitution</i> | <i>federal republic</i> | <i>President</i> |
| <i>checks and balances</i> | <i>Preamble</i> | <i>branches</i> |
| <i>Supreme Court</i> | <i>articles</i> | <i>states</i> |
| <i>Congress</i> | <i>states</i> | <i>authority</i> |

1. The Constitution is the highest _____ of the nation.
2. The Constitution created a _____, with power divided between the federal, or national, government and the _____.
3. To meet the goals of our government, the writers of the Constitution divided the national government into three parts, or _____.
4. The most obvious purpose for the _____ is to provide a framework for the national government.
5. The Constitution lists the powers of government and defines the relationship between the national government and the _____.
6. The _____ states the purpose of the Constitution and lists the goals for the United States government.
7. To keep any of the three branches of government from becoming too powerful, the Constitution also set up a system of _____.
8. Following the Preamble, the Constitution is divided into seven parts, or _____, which describe the powers and responsibilities of the government of the United States.
9. Every American _____ takes an oath to “preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.”
10. In order for a bill to become a law, it must be approved by both houses of _____.
11. The _____ settles dispute between the states and can declare a law unconstitutional.