

The Structure of the Constitution

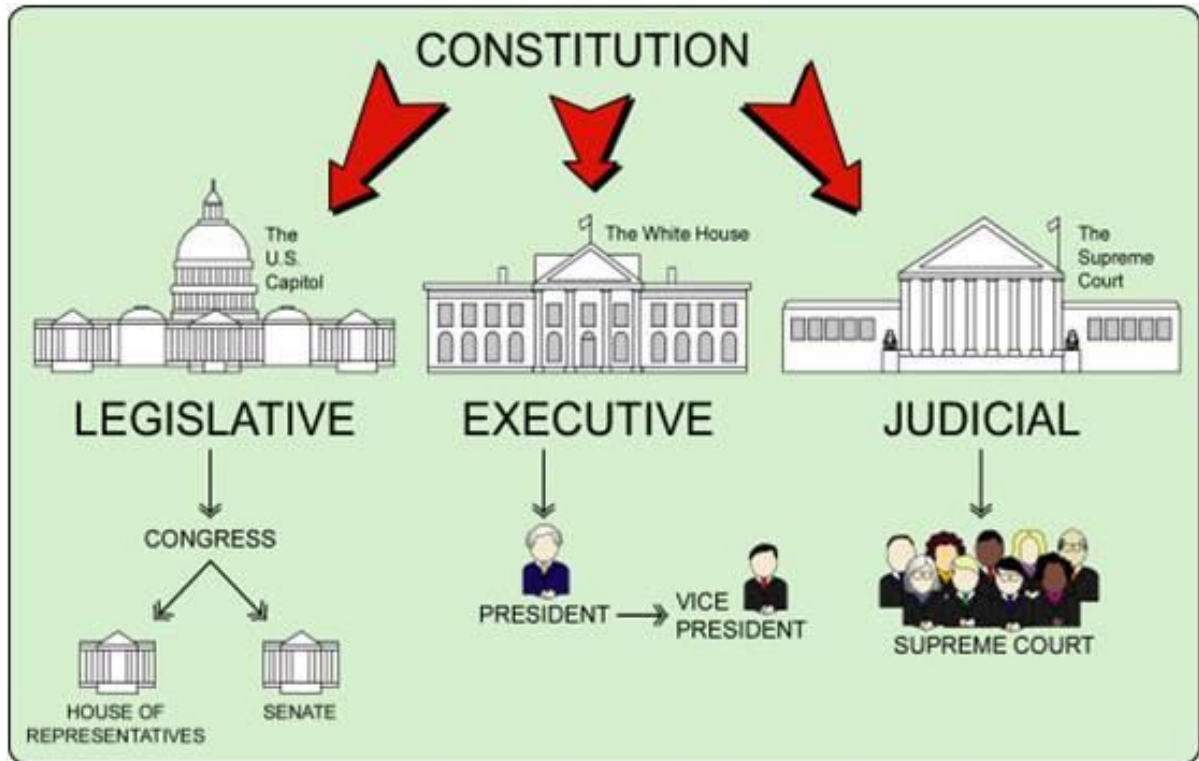
Section	Explanation
Preamble	Introduction; states the purpose of the document
Article I	Legislative Branch (gives powers to Congress)
Article II	Executive Branch (gives power to President)
Article III	Judicial Branch (gives authority to judges)
Article IV	Explains the relationship of the states to one another and their relationship to the national government
Article V	Amending (changing) the Constitution
Article VI	Supremacy Clause (a statement explaining that the Constitution is the supreme law; no other law can be created that has power over the Constitution)
Article VII	Ratifying (approving) the Constitution
Bill of Rights	First 10 amendments to the Constitution (the Constitution would have never been passed without it)
Amendments	Additional changes made to the Constitution

1. *The Constitution begins with an introduction, or _____.*
2. *Following the Preamble, the Constitution is broken into seven parts, or “_____.”*
3. *The first three Articles specifically deal with the _____ given to each branch of government.*
4. *Article I lists the powers given to _____. Article I also tells what powers are denied to Congress, including the power to tax _____.*
5. *Article II deals with the _____ branch and goes on to list the _____ powers.*
6. *The powers of the _____ are stated in Article III.*
7. *Article IV outlines the powers and responsibilities of the _____, as well as the relationship between each state and the federal government.*
8. *Article V specifies how the _____ can be _____.*

9. Article VI establishes the Constitution as the supreme _____ over the nation, as well as federal _____ over the states.

10. Article VII maintains that the Constitution would take effect when _____ states ratified it.

11. Following the seven articles, there are 27 _____, or additions and changes, to the Constitution.



CLOSING QUESTIONS:

1. *Where was our nation's first capital?*
2. *Who was the first President of the United States?*
3. *Who was the first Vice-President of the United States?*