

Chapter 3 Study Questions

Name _____ Period _____

Chp 3.1 6 Basic Principles

1. What is a Constitution?
2. What is the "Supreme Law of the Land"?
3. What is one of the Constitution's great strengths?
3. Name the six basic principles of the Constitution:
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4. Popular Sovereignty:
 - Who holds all political power in the US?
 - How does the Declaration imply this?
5. Limited Government:
 - Who decides how much power govt has?
 - What is Constitutionalism?
 - What is the Rule of Law?
6. Separation of Powers
 - What are the 3 branches of our govt?
 - How does separation of power keep our govt strong but keeps it from becoming too powerful?
7. Check and Balances
 - Define Checks and Balances:
 - How does this keep our branches of govt from becoming too powerful?
 - What is a veto?
 - Understand the examples on page 68 for the test.
8. Judicial Review
 - Define Judicial Review:
 - What Supreme Court case established the principle of judicial review? When was it?

Chp 3.2 Formal Amendment

9. Define formal amendment:

10. Describe the 2 methods used to propose an amendment:
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11. Which proposal method has been used most often?
12. Describe the 2 methods used to approve an amendment:
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13. Which approval method has been used most often?
14. How does the formal amendment process demonstrate Federalism?
15. What is the one restriction that the Constitution places upon amendments?
16. Why does the Congress not have to send an amendment to the President for signature?
17. How many joint resolutions have there been for amendments and how many finally became amendments?
18. What are the 1st ten amendments to the Constitution called? Why were they proposed at the same time?

Chp 3.3 Informal Amendment

19. Define Informal Amendment:
20. What are the 5 basic ways the Constitution may be informally amended?
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21. Give 1 example of how Congress has informally amended the Constitution?
22. Give 1 example of how the President has informally amended the Constitution?
23. How did Woodrow Wilson describe the Supreme Court?
24. Give 3 examples of how custom has informally amended the Constitution: