

★ STUDENT REVIEW OUTLINE OF THE ★ CONSTITUTION

You can use the following outline to help you find information in the Constitution or to help you prepare for a test.

PREAMBLE

States the purpose of the Constitution

ARTICLE I - THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1: Congress Established

Section 2: House of Representatives

- Clause 1: Election and Term of Office
- Clause 2: Qualifications for the House
- Clause 3: Number of Representatives per State (Parts changed by Amendments 13, 14, 16)
- Clause 4: Vacancies in the House
- Clause 5: Officers for the House; Impeachment

Section 3: Senate

- Clause 1: Election of Senators (Parts changed by Amendment 17)
- Clause 2: Term of Office; Vacancies (Parts changed by Amendment 17)
- Clause 3: Qualifications for the Senate
- Clause 4: President of the Senate
- Clause 5: Office for the Senate
- Clause 6: Impeachment Trials
- Clause 7: Impeachment Penalties

Section 4: Congressional Elections and Meetings

- Clause 1: State Powers over Elections
- Clause 2: Annual Meetings (Changed by Amendment 20)

Section 5: Rules for Conducting Business in Congress

- Clause 1: Organization
- Clause 2: Rules of Governance
- Clause 3: Keeping the *Congressional Record*
- Clause 4: Adjournment

Section 6: Privileges and Restrictions of Congress

- Clause 1: Pay; Privileges
- Clause 2: Restrictions on Employment of Congress

Section 7: Passing Laws

- Clause 1: Raising Money
- Clause 2: How a Bill Becomes Law
- Clause 3: Presidential Veto

Section 8: Enumerated Powers of Congress

- Clause 1: Tax; Pay Debts
- Clause 2: Borrow Money
- Clause 3: Regulate Trade
- Clause 4: Regulate Citizenship; Bankruptcies
- Clause 5: Regulate Money, Weights and Measures
- Clause 6: Punish Counterfeiting
- Clause 7: Establish a Postal Service
- Clause 8: Issue Copyrights and Patents
- Clause 9: Establish Minor Courts
- Clause 10: Define and Punish Crimes on the Oceans
- Clause 11: Declare War
- Clause 12: Create and Support an Army
- Clause 13: Create and Support a Navy
- Clause 14: Make Rules for the Military
- Clause 15: Utilize State Militia
- Clause 16: Regulate State Militia
- Clause 17: Establish the Federal Capital; Regulate Federal Lands
- Clause 18: "Elastic Clause"

Section 9: Powers Denied to the Federal Government

- Clause 1: Regulating Slave Trading (Amendment 13 made this invalid)
- Clause 2: Issue of a Writ of Habeas Corpus
- Clause 3: Bills of Attainder; Ex Post Facto
- Clause 4: Creation of Direct Taxes
- Clause 5: Taxes on Exports
- Clause 6: State Commerce
- Clause 7: Spending Money
- Clause 8: Titles of Nobility

Section 10: Powers Denied to the States

- Clause 1: Treaties; Coining Money; Making Laws that Violate the Federal Constitution
- Clause 2: Taxes on Imports and Exports
- Clause 3: Declarations of War

ARTICLE II - THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1: The President and Vice-President

- Clause 1: Term of Office
- Clause 2: Electors

- Clause 3: Election Process (Amendment 12 changed this clause)
- Clause 4: Time of Elections
- Clause 5: Qualifications for President
- Clause 6: Vacancy in Office
(Amendment 25 gives further directions)
- Clause 7: Salary for the Executive
- Clause 8: Oath of Office

Section 2: Powers of the President

- Clause 1: Commander in Chief; Appoint Cabinet; Issue Pardons
- Clause 2: Make Treaties; Appoint Certain Officials
- Clause 3: Filling Temporary Vacancies in Government

Section 3: Duties of the President

Section 4: Impeachment of Federal Officers

ARTICLE III - THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1: Federal Courts

- Clause 1: Supreme Court

Section 2: Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts

- Clause 1: Powers of the Courts
- Clause 2: The Supreme Court
- Clause 3: Trial by Jury

Section 3: Treason

- Clause 1: Definition of Treason
- Clause 2: Punishment for Treason

ARTICLE IV - RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES

Section 1: Official Actions of States

Section 2: Rights of Citizens

- Clause 1: Privileges
- Clause 2: Extradition
- Clause 3: Return of Escaped Slaves
(Changed by Amendment 13)

Section 3: Admission of New States and Territories

- Clause 1: Admission of New States
- Clause 2: Congressional Power over Federal Lands

Section 4: Guarantees and Protection for the States

ARTICLE V - AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

- Proposing Amendments
- Ratification of Amendments
- Prohibited Amendments
(This is no longer valid)

ARTICLE VI - NATIONAL SUPREMACY

- Clause 1: Debts Owed Before the Constitution
- Clause 2: Constitution is Supreme Law of the Land
- Clause 3: Officials Take Oaths of Office

ARTICLE VII - RATIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE CONSTITUTION

- Amendment 1 - Religious and Political Freedom
- Amendment 2 - Right to Bear Arms
- Amendment 3 - Quartering Troops
- Amendment 4 - Searches and Seizures
- Amendment 5 - Rights of the Accused
- Amendment 6 - Right to Speedy and Fair Trial
- Amendment 7 - Right to Trial by Jury
- Amendment 8 - Bail and Punishment
- Amendment 9 - Rights Not Specified
- Amendment 10 - Powers Reserved to the States
- Amendment 11 - Suits Against States
- Amendment 12 - Election of the President and Vice-President
- Amendment 13 - Abolition of Slavery
- Amendment 14 - Rights of Citizens
- Amendment 15 - Right to Vote
- Amendment 16 - Income Tax
- Amendment 17 - Direct Election of Senators
- Amendment 18 - Prohibition
- Amendment 19 - Women's Right to Vote
- Amendment 20 - "Lame-Duck" Amendment
- Amendment 21 - Repeal of Prohibition
- Amendment 22 - Limit on Presidential Term
- Amendment 23 - Voting in the District of Columbia
- Amendment 24 - Abolition of the Poll Tax
- Amendment 25 - Presidential Disability and Succession
- Amendment 26 - Eighteen-Year-Old Vote
- Amendment 27 - Restraint on Congressional Salaries