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1. The US Government is split into how many branches?  
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2. Name each branch of the government and explain its main job:  
**JUDICIAL – INTERPRET LAWS**  
**EXECUTIVE – EXECUTE LAWS (CARRYING THEM OUT OR ENFORCING THEM)**  
**LEGISLATIVE – MAKING LAWS**
3. The number of electors each state has in the electoral college is based on:  
**YOU ADD UP THE NUMBER OF A STATES SENATORS + THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. (EXAMPLE: MISSOURI HAS 2 SENATORS AND 8 REPRESENTATIVES SO THAT MEANS WE HAVE 10 ELECTORAL VOTES)**
4. The US Supreme Court overturns a law, stating that it violates Americans’ Constitutional rights. This is called:  
**JUDICIAL REVIEW**
5. What statement best explains how the US president is chosen  
**ELECTORAL VOTE (THE CANDIDATE WITH THE MOST ELECTORAL VOTES WINS)**
6. When arrested, citizens have the right to a fair and speedy trial, an attorney, and the right to remain silent. These rights come from the First 10 Amendments to the Constitution, which collectively make up the:  
**BILL OF RIGHTS**
7. What are the two chambers of the Legislative Branch?  
**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE**
8. What are the Constitutional requirements to serve on the Supreme Court?  
**THERE ARE NO REQUIREMENTS. THE PRESIDENT JUST HAS TO NOMINATE YOU, AND THE SENATE MUST APPROVE**
9. Which part of the Connecticut (or Great) compromise benefits states with smaller populations?  
**SENATE**
10. Who is the leader of the House of Representatives? (Provide this person’s name and title)  
**NANCY PELOSI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**
11. In order for a bill to become a law, what happens after both houses of Congress pass it?  
**THE PRESIDENT SIGNS IT**
12. Presidential vetoes, overriding vetoes by Congress, and judicial review are examples of:  
**CHECKS AND BALANCES**
13. The Supreme law of the land in the United States is the:  
**CONSTITUTION**
14. In the United States, who may declare a federal law or court case rulings unconstitutional by using their power of Judicial Review?  
**SUPREME COURT**
15. The main responsibility of the executive branch of government is to:  
**EXECUTE LAWS**
16. Which branch of Government is in charge of the impeachment process of a President?  
**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**
17. Prior to the creation of the US Constitution, what document was described the framework of the US Government?  
**ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION**
18. The House created a law making healthcare free in the United States. The Judicial branch agreed that the law was constitutional and the Executive branch made a federal department to make sure everyone had access to this healthcare.  
What Constitutional Principle is being shown in the above scenario?  
**SEPARATION OF POWERS**
19. What were the anti-federalists afraid of when writing the Constitution?  
**THEY FEARED THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FAR TOO STRONG**
20. The bill of rights and early amendments purpose was to:

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**GUARANTEE CERTAIN RIGHTS TO PEOPLE, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULDN'T TAKE AWAY**

21. Who is the head of the Executive Branch? (Provide this person's name and title)  
**JOE BIDEN, PRESIDENT**
22. What court serves as the leader of the Judicial Branch?  
**SUPREME COURT**
23. Who is the Head of the Senate? (provide this person's name and title)  
**VICE PRESIDENT, MIKE PENCE**
24. How many **representatives** are there in Congress? How is each states number of representatives decided?  
**435; IT IS BASED ON A STATE'S POPULATION**
25. How many senators does the United States have?  
**100**
26. What is the purpose of "checks and balances"?  
**IT IS DESIGNED TO KEEP ANY SINGLE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT FROM BEING TOO STRONG**
27. How can the executive branch check the legislative?  
**VETO**
28. How can the legislative check the executive?  
**THEY CAN OVERRIDE A VETO**  
**THEY CAN IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT**
29. How can the judicial check the executive?  
**JUDICIAL REVIEW**
30. Why are federal judges appointed for life?  
**TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE FREE FROM INFLUENCE.**
31. You are a rookie State Highway Patrol officer and you see a young, black man drive by in a Mercedes. You follow him and even though he has not broken any laws, you stop his car and ask him to get out. You then start searching his car looking for something illegal. He says he is a lawyer and you cannot do what you did. Is he right?  
**YES. THE STATE TROOPER VIOLATED THE 4<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT, WHICH PROHIBITS UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE**
32. You are charged with stealing the Declaration of Independence from the National Archives Museum on the night of July 3 2020. At your trial, the prosecuting attorney calls you forward to testify. After saying that you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the prosecuting attorney asks you where you were on the night of July 3, 2020. Do you have to answer his question?  
**NO YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER. YOU CAN PLEAD THE 5<sup>TH</sup>, WHICH STATES THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT WOULD INCRIMINATE YOU.**
33. The St. Louis Post Dispatch is very upset by a new law stating that only boys can go to school past the age of 11. They publish an article calling this law a disgrace. Is this legal?  
**YES, IT IS LEGAL. IT IS PROTECTED BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT RIGHT FOR FREE PRESS.**