

Social Studies Constitution Study Guide

In social studies we've studied the Constitution and its plan for the United States Federal government.

You will need to know:

The number of United States Senators _____

The number of United States Representatives _____

The number of years in a Senators' term of office _____

The number of years in a Representatives' term of office _____

Another name for BOTH the House of Representatives AND the Senate

How many senators come from each state? _____

How is it determined how many Representatives come from each state?

The term (length) of office for a Supreme Court Justice _____

The year the Constitution was written _____

The name of the paragraph that tells why the Founders adopted the new Constitution _____

The next person to take charge if the President cannot do his or her duties

Who has the power to approve or disapprove treaties? _____

A prisoner's right to be called before a judge to know why he/she has been arrested _____

The three branches of government and what each branch is comprised of. (cabinet, Senate, etc.)

The three main jobs of the President

Where a bill goes as a bill becomes a law (7 steps)

What the President can do when a bill reaches him/her. (3 things)

The powers of each branch, including the powers to make laws, veto laws, interpret the law, appoint judges, tax, negotiate treaties, declare war, command the military, declare laws unconstitutional, put laws into effect, approve or reject appointments, approve or reject treaties, preside over the cabinet, and sign bills into law.

What are checks and balances?