**Constitution Worksheet KEY**

1. What are the purposes of the new government?

**1.** **form a more perfect union,**

**2. establish justice,**

**3. insure domestic tranquility,**

**4. provide for the common defense,**

**5. promote the general welfare,**

**6. secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity**

2. What are the three branches of government and who is in each?

1. **Executive Branch, (the president)**
2. **Legislative: Congress (House and senate)**
3. **Judicial (The Supreme Court)**

3. Name the two branches of the legislature.

* **House of Representatives & Senate**

4. What are they jointly called?

* **Congress of the United State**

5. What qualifications are required to be a member of each?

* **House: 25 years old, 7 years a citizen, inhabitant of the State elected from**
* **Senate: 30 years old, 9 years a citizen, inhabitant of the State elected from**

6. Who is the chief officer of the House of Representatives?

* **the Speaker, as chosen by the Representatives**

Who is the chief officer of the Senate?

* **Senate: the Vice President**

7. How often must Congress meet? Why?

* **At least once every year so that new members can be elected and seated**

8. Name 4 of the powers exclusively held by Congress regarding war and 1 about taxes

* **Declare war**
* **Raise & support armies**
* **Provide and maintain a navy**
* **Provide and maintain and call a militia**
* **Lay and collect taxes, etc. for the common defense and general welfare**

9. What does the elastic clause (last clause of Section 8 -clause 18) allow?

* **Allows the government to do things not expressly stated if the thing they want to do is necessary to carry out their enumerated powers**

10. Define these basic civil liberty protections:

* Habeas corpus **(Show the body)**
* No ex post facto laws (**Government punish conduct that was lawful when it was done.)**

11. Can the US government grant titles of nobility? **No**

12. Why not? **Americans wanted to have nothing to do with British system of monarchy;   
 all citizens are created equally**

13. How long are the terms of service for members of the house and senate elected?

* **House: two years**
* **Senate: six year**

14. What is the term of office for President? **4 years**   
  
15. What are the Constitutional duties of the President?

* **Commander in chief of the military**
* **Power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses**
* **Power to make treaties (with 2/3 concurrence of Senate)**
* **Nominate ambassadors**
* **Nominate judges of the Supreme Court**
* **Power to fill vacancies in the Senate**
* **Give State of the Union to Congress**

16. How long do federal judges serve? Why?

* **For life**
* **So they won’t be affected by political influences/whims**

17. What is a republican form of government?

* **Non-monarch executive, limited by Constitution and representative democracy**

18. Provide a short summary of each of the first 10 amendments (The Bill of Rights)

**1. Freedom of religion, speech and the press**

**2. Right to bear arms**

**3. Prevents the housing of soldiers**

**4. Protection from unreasonable search and seizure**

**5.Protection of life, liberty and property**

**6. Rights of accused persons in criminal cases**

**7. Rights in civil (non-criminal) cases**

**8. Protects against excessive bail, fines and punishments**

**9. Other rights kept buy the people**

**10. Undelegated powers kept by the states and the people.**