

Constitution Day – September 17

On September 17, 1787, 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution of the United States of America. Schools around the nation celebrate this event every year by offering educational materials to their students.

Lake Forest Graduate School of Management is encouraging all students and faculty to complete the following quiz to commemorate Constitution Day. Answers appear on page 5.

Choose the correct answer to the following questions:

1.	Which of the following is a definition of courage? a. Never feeling scared b. Acting timidly c. Picking fights with enemies d. Proceeding in spite of feeling afraid
2.	The Founders were influenced by John Locke's philosophy that government should protect which natural rights? a. Life b. Liberty c. Property d. All of the above
3.	The principle of popular sovereignty can be found in which of the following documents? a. The Declaration of Independence b. The Petition of Right c. The Magna Carta d. The English Bill of Rights
4.	Alice Paul worked to a. End slavery in the United States b. End the Civil War c. Win votes for women d. Lift environmental regulations
5.	In his Inaugural Address, President John F. Kennedy urged citizens to be responsible, saying a. "I have a dream today." b. "Our nation is dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." c. "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." d. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

6.	<p>The Fourteenth Amendment includes all of the following EXCEPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Abolition of slavery b. Definition of citizens c. Equal protection of the laws d. Due process rights
7.	<p>The ratification of the Constitution was debated by two main groups: _____, who supported its ratification and _____, who opposed its ratification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conservatives/Liberals b. Federalists/Republicans c. Federalists/Anti-Federalists d. Loyalist/Patriots
8.	<p>Who has the power to declare war?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Congress b. The Senate only c. The President and the Senate d. The President
9.	<p>Members of the United States House of Representatives are elected every</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 years b. 4 years c. 6 years d. 8 years
10.	<p>Which of William Blackstone's works has helped the Supreme Court interpret the Constitution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Articles of Confederation b. "Commentaries on the Laws of England" c. "Declaration of the Causes of Taking Up Arms" d. "The Rights of the Colonists"
11.	<p>Which amendment prohibits double jeopardy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fourth Amendment b. Fifth Amendment c. Sixth Amendment d. First Amendment
12.	<p>According to the Texas v. Johnson (1989) decision, why is the First Amendment so important?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. It protects people with different or unpopular ideas. b. It keeps the government out of the news. c. It allows the media to say whatever they want. d. It makes sure politicians stay honest during elections.

13.	<p>In which of the following did Martin Luther King, Jr. express his hope for a society more dedicated to justice and equal opportunity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Gettysburg Address b. The Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions c. The Declaration of Independence d. "I Have a Dream" Speech
14.	<p>Which of the following is defined as treason?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Making war against the US or giving aid and comfort to the enemy b. Sending money to another country c. Publicly criticizing US foreign policy d. E-mailing the Chinese Embassy
15.	<p>The Supremacy Clause in Article VI of the Constitution states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Supreme Court makes the law of the land. b. Federal law cannot violate state law. c. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. d. State constitutions are the basis of federal law.
16.	<p>All of the following were weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation EXCEPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The central government had no power to tax. b. The central government had no power to regulate commerce among the states. c. The Confederation Congress was unable to pass the Northwest Ordinance. d. The amendment process required all states to agree.
17.	<p>The Preamble includes all of the following purposes of the Constitution EXCEPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To establish justice b. To protect free speech c. To form a more perfect union d. To insure domestic tranquility
18.	<p>In US v. Nixon (1974), the Court declared the President had acted unconstitutionally by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lying under oath b. Granting too many pardons c. Claiming executive privilege in his refusing to cooperate with a criminal investigation d. Refusing to deliver the state of the union address

19.	<p>Which statement concerning the civic value of responsibility is FALSE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Responsible people consider the consequences of their own words and actions. b. Responsibility means meeting obligations promptly, thoroughly and willingly. c. Responsible citizens accept the consequences of decisions. d. Liberty means not having to take responsibility.
20.	<p>Many of the ways free citizens can take an active role in society are guaranteed by the First Amendment's protections of free speech, press, _____, and _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Due process and petition b. "Habeas Corpus and voting" c. Voting and assembly d. Assembly and petition

Answers to Quiz

1. d
2. d
3. a
4. c
5. c
6. a
7. c
8. a
9. a
10. b
11. b
12. a
13. d
14. a
15. c
16. c
17. b
18. c
19. d
20. d