

PREFACE

This unit contains activities to help your students understand the Constitution of the United States.

Each activity is self-contained so no additional materials are needed.

The activities are also non-sequential so you may use them all or choose only those that fit your time schedule and your students' abilities.

A copy of the constitution is included.



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Using the Constitution and its amendments, determine which statements are true and which are false about the President of the United States.

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1. ___ ___ The President of the United States is head of the executive branch of the Federal government.
2. ___ ___ The office of president is described in Article III of the Constitution.
3. ___ ___ Of the candidates running, the one who receives the majority of the popular votes is elected president.
4. ___ ___ The term of the president is four years and begins at noon on the 20th of January following the election.
5. ___ ___ A president may be re-elected twice and hold office for a maximum of twelve years.
6. ___ ___ If no candidate receives a majority in the general election, the president is chosen by the House of Representatives.
7. ___ ___ The length of a presidency was limited by the 21st amendment to the constitution.
8. ___ ___ Only natural born, male citizens are eligible for the office of president.
9. ___ ___ You must have reached the age of thirty-five and been a resident within the United States fourteen years to be eligible for the office of president.
10. ___ ___ The 25th amendment to the constitution describes the succession to the presidency as the Vice-President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and then the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate.
11. ___ ___ The president is responsible for seeing that all laws are obeyed.
12. ___ ___ The president is commander and chief of the armed forces.
13. ___ ___ The president has the power to make treaties with the advice and consent of the Senate.
14. ___ ___ The president has veto power over bills passed by the Congress.
15. ___ ___ The president is required to periodically give to Congress information on the state of the union.
16. ___ ___ The president has the power to grant pardons.
17. ___ ___ The president has the power to appoint members of the executive branch, but not the legislative or judicial branches.
18. ___ ___ The president has the power to call special sessions of congress.
19. ___ ___ The president has the power to meet with ministers of foreign governments with the consent of the Senate.
20. ___ ___ The president can be removed from office through impeachment by the Senate and trial by the House of Representatives.



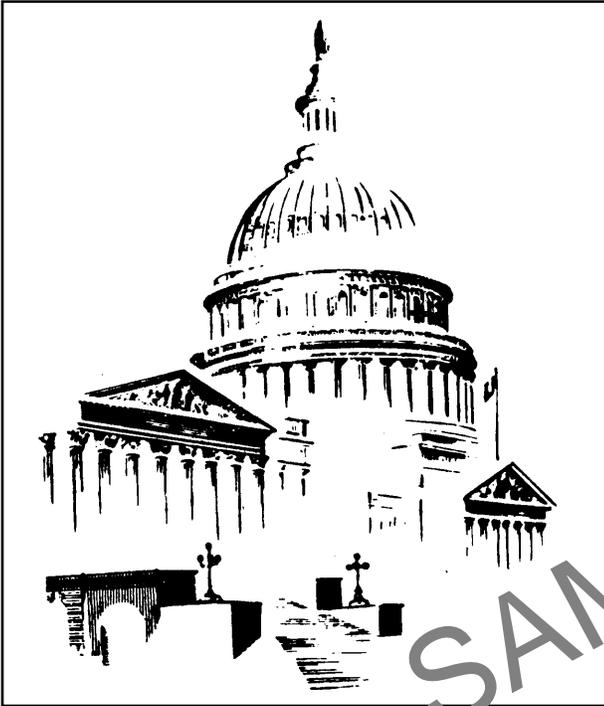
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1. Place an X through each headline that is not constitutionally correct.

<p>22nd Amendment</p> <p>The 22nd amendment limiting the terms of the president has been ratified.</p>	<p>Senate Overrides Veto</p> <p>In a 59 to 41, vote the Senate yesterday passed a controversial civil rights bill over the president's veto. The bill will now go to the House where the voting is considered to close to call.</p>	<p>House Member Expelled</p> <p>345 members of The House of Representatives have voted to expel John Goodman following his conviction for racketeering.</p>
<p>Pearl Harbor Attacked by Japanese</p> <p>The President Declares War on Japan</p>	<p>Vice-President Breaks Tie</p> <p>After two weeks of debate, a hard fought defense bill passed the Senate when the vice-president broke a tie vote caused by several party members breaking ranks.</p>	<p>Richard Owens Becomes Youngest Senator At The Age Of 28.</p>
<p>Income Tax Increase</p> <p>A bill to raise personal income taxes has passed the Senate and been sent to the House.</p>	<p>Illinois vs Iowa</p> <p>In a 5 to 4 vote the Supreme Court was found in favor of Illinois in a dispute over large traffic on the Mississippi.</p>	<p>President Calls Reserves To Active Duty</p> <p>Thousands Leave Jobs and Report</p>
<p>Federal Government Issues War Bonds</p> <p>Many well known stage and screen stars have offered their services to help in the campaign to sell war bonds to raise money for the defense effort.</p>	<p>Draft Passes Congress</p> <p>By an overwhelming majority, Congress has passed new draft legislation requiring military service of all men between the ages of 18 and 35.</p>	<p>Treaty Ratified</p> <p>The Senate has ratified a mutual defense treaty by a majority vote of 55 to 45</p>
<p>Johnson vs The United States</p> <p>Federal Housing Legislation Declared Unconstitutional by the Supreme Court</p>	<p>The President is Dead</p> <p>New Elections Planned for March</p>	

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The 22nd Amendment to the constitution limits the terms of the presidency. Many people also think there should be a constitutional amendment limiting the terms of our congressmen and senators. Explain why you would be for or against this constitutional amendment.



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