

Constitutional Day Trivia Answers

1. What is the Supreme Law of the Land? **The Constitution of the United States**
2. What does the Constitution do? **Sets up the government. Defines the government. Protects basic rights of Americans.**
3. The idea of self government is stated in the first three words of the Constitution? What are these words? **"We the people"** See Preamble for details.
4. What is a Constitutional Amendment? **A change to the Constitution/ an addition to the Constitution.**
5. What is the special name for the First Ten Amendments? **The Bill of Rights, 1791.**
6. What are the five rights guaranteed in the First Amendment? **Speech, religion, assembly, press, petition**
7. How many amendments are there today? **27**
8. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence? **To declare to England and the world that "these united colonies are, and of right, ought to be free and independent states."**
9. What are the three rights spelled out in the Declaration of Independence? **Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.**
10. How many Articles are there in the Constitution? **Seven**
11. What is the inscription above the U.S. Supreme Court Building? **"Equal Justice Under Law"**
12. What does "E Pluribus Unum" mean? **From many, one.**
13. What is the motto for the United States that was adopted July 30, 1956? **In God We Trust**
14. What are the built-in protections from one branch dominating/taking over the other two branches? **Checks and Balances**
15. What is the name of the lawmaking branch? **Congress**
16. What is a bicameral legislature? **Made up of two houses.**
17. What are the two Houses of Congress? **U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives**
18. What are the Constitutional qualifications to be a U.S. Senator? **At least 30 years old, U.S. Citizen for 9 years, live in the state you will represent**
19. What are the Constitutional qualifications to be a U.S. Representative? **At least 25 years old, U.S. Citizen for 7 years, live in the state you will represent**
20. What are the Constitutional qualifications to be President? **At least 35 years old, U.S. Citizen at birth, live in the United States for at least 14 years.**
21. **If the President is unable to serve, who is next in the line of Succession? (Only if qualified)** VP, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tem of the Senate, members of the Cabinet in a predetermined list.
22. How does one become a federal judge or justice? **Appointed by the President, confirmed by 2/3 vote in the Senate, for a term of "good behavior". Check Article 3.** (A judge could go "bad" before he/she dies!)
23. How is the date for federal elections determined by the law? **1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of even years.**
24. What are the three reason federal officials can be impeached? **Treason, Bribery, and other High Crimes, and Misdemeanors** (Charges brought by the House, trial in the Senate, 2/3 to convict)

Please note that I combined answers for questions 22 and 23 into answer 22.