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Civics Review Part One

Possible Short Answer Questions

1. On what date was the Declaration of Independence signed?
2. What city did the Second Continental Congress meet in?
3. Who was first to sign the Declaration? (he was also President of the Congress)
4. Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?
5. Name at least one other founding father who helped write the Declaration.
6. Which Founding Father did the 2nd Continental Congress appoint as commander of the American Army?
7. Who was the author of the Virginia Plan?
8. Name the three branches of Government called for by the Virginia Plan.

9. How many houses are called for in a unicameral legislature?

10. Name the plan which wanted to keep the Congress of the Confederation, but give it new powers. (it was named after a state)

11. Who presented his plan to the Convention in the form of a 15 hour speech, calling for a President for life?

12. What country (and occasional holiday food) committed the Armenian Genocide between 1915-1917?

13. In 1786, five states met at the _____ Convention to discuss possible changes to the articles of Confederation. (hint: the city is in Maryland)

14. What statesman was responsible for the Connecticut Compromise (it was not Steve)?

15. Members of the House of Representatives are elected to serve _____ year terms.

16. Are votes in Congress done in secret or public?

17. What Congressional majority is needed to override a Presidential Veto?

18. In what city did the Constitutional Convention meet?

True or False

1. ____ Congress has the power to make Laws.
2. ____ Congress has the power to collect Taxes.
3. ____ Congress has the power to review the Constitutionality of Laws
4. ____ Congress has the power to declare war.
5. ____ Congress has the power to Veto proposed Laws
6. ____ Congress has the power to issued copyrights and patents.
7. ____ Congress has the power to execute Laws.
8. ____ The Articles of Confederation gave most power to State Governments
9. ____ The Articles of Confederation established the name United States of America
10. ____ John Hancock was responsible for offering command of the American Army to George Washington.
11. ____ The Articles of Confederation established the Federal Court System
12. ____ The Articles of Confederation were replaced by the Declaration of Independence

Possible Multiple Choice Questions:

1. How much do Slaves count for census purposes according to the Constitution?
 - a.) $\frac{3}{5}$ a person
 - b.) $\frac{1}{2}$ a person
 - c.) $\frac{1}{10}$ a person
 - d.) none of the above

2. A majority of Congressmen must be present to vote on a bill, what is another word for this majority?
- a.) quotation
 - b.) quorum
 - c.) quantum
 - d.) none of the above
3. Which of the two Houses of Congress is known as the Upper House?
- a.) House of Representatives
 - b.) House of Parliament
 - c.) United States Senate
 - d.) none of the above
4. How long is the term of a United States Senator?
- a.) 1 year
 - b.) two years
 - c.) life
 - d.) six years
5. How many Houses are present in a bi-cameral Legislature?
- a.) one house
 - b.) two houses
 - c.) many houses
 - d.) none of the above
6. Which Delegate proposed the Three Fifths Compromise?
- a.) Ben Franklin
 - b.) George Washington
 - c.) James Madison
 - d.) Edmund Randolph
7. Which Act of the Congress of the Confederation paved the way for new states to join the union?
- a.) Northwest Ordinance
 - b.) Territory Ordinance
 - c.) State Act
 - d.) None of the above

8. In what state did Shay's rebellion occur?
 - a.) Massachusetts
 - b.) Maryland
 - c.) California
 - d.) Kentucky

9. What Treaty, signed in 1783, ended the American Revolution?
 - a.) Treaty of New York
 - b.) Treaty of Paris
 - c.) Peace of Westphalia
 - d.) None of the above

10. Who was the Chairman of the Annapolis Convention of 1786?
 - a.) Thomas Jefferson
 - b.) Thomas Paine
 - c.) Alexander Hamilton
 - d.) George Washington

11. What was the main issue between Virginia and Maryland before the Annapolis Convention?
 - a.) Free Trade and Navigation rights in the Chesapeake Bay
 - b.) land border dispute
 - c.) extradition dispute
 - d.) none of the above

12. According to the Connecticut Compromise, what would be the lower house of the Legislature?
 - a.) Senate
 - b.) Arms Committee
 - c.) House of Representatives
 - d.) none of the above

13. How was the Virginia Plan prepared and presented to the Convention?
 - a.) written by a Virginia Delegate on paper while waiting for other Delegates to arrive
 - b.) given as a 15 hour speech
 - c.) sent from abroad by a Virginia Delegate
 - d.) none of the above

14. Who was the King of England at the time of the American Revolution?
- a.) Richard III
 - b.) George III
 - c.) Elizabeth II
 - d.) None of the Above

Possible Essay Questions:

1. Please explain the meaning of the following slogan: “no taxation without representation.” Why was this important to the Framers? Is it still a relevant slogan today?

2. The Connecticut Compromise settled the issue of how Congress would be made up. States would be represented in one house based on population, in the other each State would have an equal vote.

Which states do you think wanted equal representation? Which others do you think wanted representation based fully on population? Do you think the Compromise was fair?

3. Iran wants to research nuclear technology. Do you think that they want nuclear technology for energy, weapons, or both? Do you think that Iran has the right to continue its’ research despite warnings from the international community? Why?

4. In addition to its many powers, Congress is also given the power to do anything “necessary and proper” to oversee the Constitution. How could this “necessary and proper” clause allow for possible abuses to the Constitution?

5. The Framers gave nearly all powers of the military to the Congress, not the President. Why do you think they felt this was a safer option? What from their own experience would have made them fear one powerful ruler at the head of an army?

Extra Credit:

Who's only regret was that he had "but one life" to give for his country?

Who won the 2008 Republican Primary in New Hampshire?

Who won the 2008 Democratic Primary in New Hampshire?