CONSTITUTIONAL BASICS

Know and be able to

KNOW Ratification Anti-Federalists Federalists Federalist Papers Preamble Virginia Plan New Jersey Plan Great Compromise Amendment Bill of Rights Unconstitutional James Madison Rule of Law

- Popular Sovereignty Separation of Powers Checks and Balances Judicial Review Federalism Limited Government Constitution Constitutional Convention George Washington Legislative Branch Judicial Branch Executive Branch Impeach
- Veto Judicial Review Reserved Powers 10th Amendment Expressed Powers Exclusive Powers Concurrent Powers Supremacy Clause Due process Ex post Facto Laws Writ of Habeas Corpus

BE ABLE TO answer the following:

- What were the main ideas in the debate over ratification?
- What is the purpose of government, according to the Preamble of the US Constitution?
- What are the principles upon which the US Constitution is based?
- What are the powers of the three branches of government?
- What is the relationship between the three branches of government under the system of checks and balances?
- How does checks and balances place limits on government?
- How is the US government a federal government?
- What are the powers given to the national government?
- What are the powers given to the state governments?
- What are the powers shared between the national and state governments?
- What are the powers denied to both the state and national governments?
- How does the supremacy clause secure sovereignty of the United States?

STANDARDS

SSCG3 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the United States Constitution.

- a. Explain the main ideas in debate over ratification; include those in The Federalist.
- b. Analyze the purpose of government stated in the Preamble of the United States Constitution.
- c. Explain the fundamental principles upon which the United States Constitution is based; include the rule of law, popular sovereignty, separation of powers, checks and balances, and federalism.

SSCG4 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the organization and powers of the national government.

- a. Describe the structure and powers of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.
- b. Analyze the relationship between the three branches in a system of checks and balances and separation of powers.

SSCG5 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the federal system of government described in the United States Constitution.

- a. Explain the relationship of state governments to the national government.
- b. Define the difference between enumerated and implied powers.
- c. Describe the extent to which power is shared.
- d. Identify powers denied to state and national governments.
- e. Analyze the ongoing debate that focuses on the balance of power between state and national governments.
- f. Analyze the supremacy clause found in Article VI and the role of the U.S. Constitution as the "supreme law of the land."