
2.1 - Structure of the Constitution

— Identify the purpose and structure of the US
Constitution —

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Kickoff:

❖ **KO Question:**

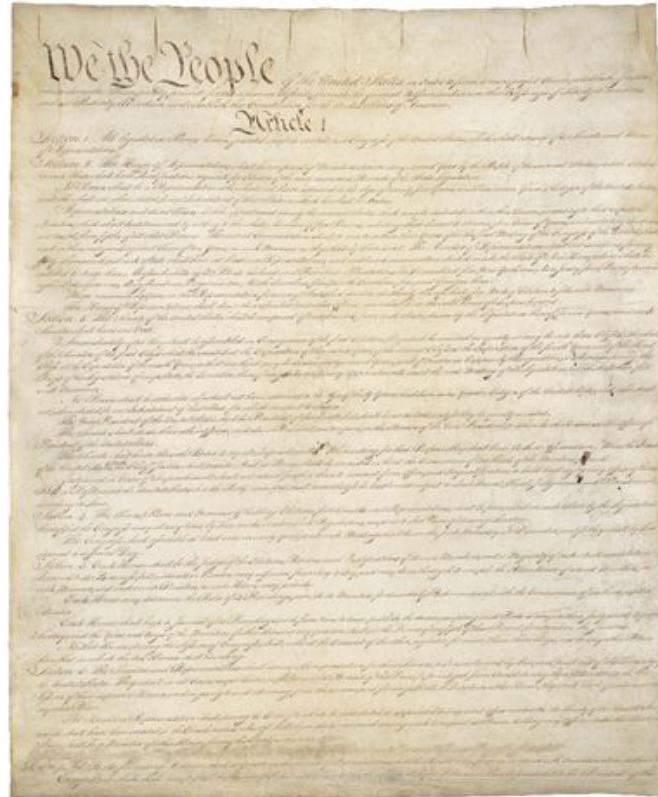
- What do you think is the *most* important aspect of American government?
- What piece of literature, has had the largest impact on your life?

❖ **Roll Call:** Ability to stop time, go back in time, or fast forward time

Announcements:

- ❖ **2/11-** Unit 1 Test
 - 40 Questions, MC
 - Blueprint due
 - Make sure all outstanding Unit 1 work has been turned in
- ❖ Start Unit 2 today, but will review a little Unit 1 at the end of class today
- ❖ Homeroom this week

2.1- 6 Basic Principles of the Constitution



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1. POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY

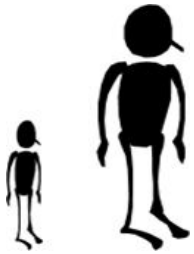
- ❖ All Power is held by the People
- ❖ The power to govern is given through the Constitution
- ❖ Amendments protecting sovereignty:
 - 15th
 - African Americans
 - 17th
 - Senators elected directly
 - 19th
 - Women
 - 24th
 - Outlawed poll tax
 - 26th
 - Voting age lowered to 18

2. Limited Government

- ❖ Government can only do what the people give it the power to do
 - Rule of Law- Those who govern must also obey the law



3. Separation of Powers



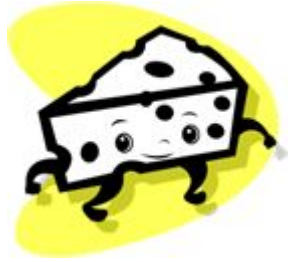
- ❖ **Legislative Branch – make the laws**
 - Represents a district or state
 - Serves 2 or 6 years

- ❖ **Executive Branch – enforces the laws**
 - Represents the whole country
 - Serves 4 years

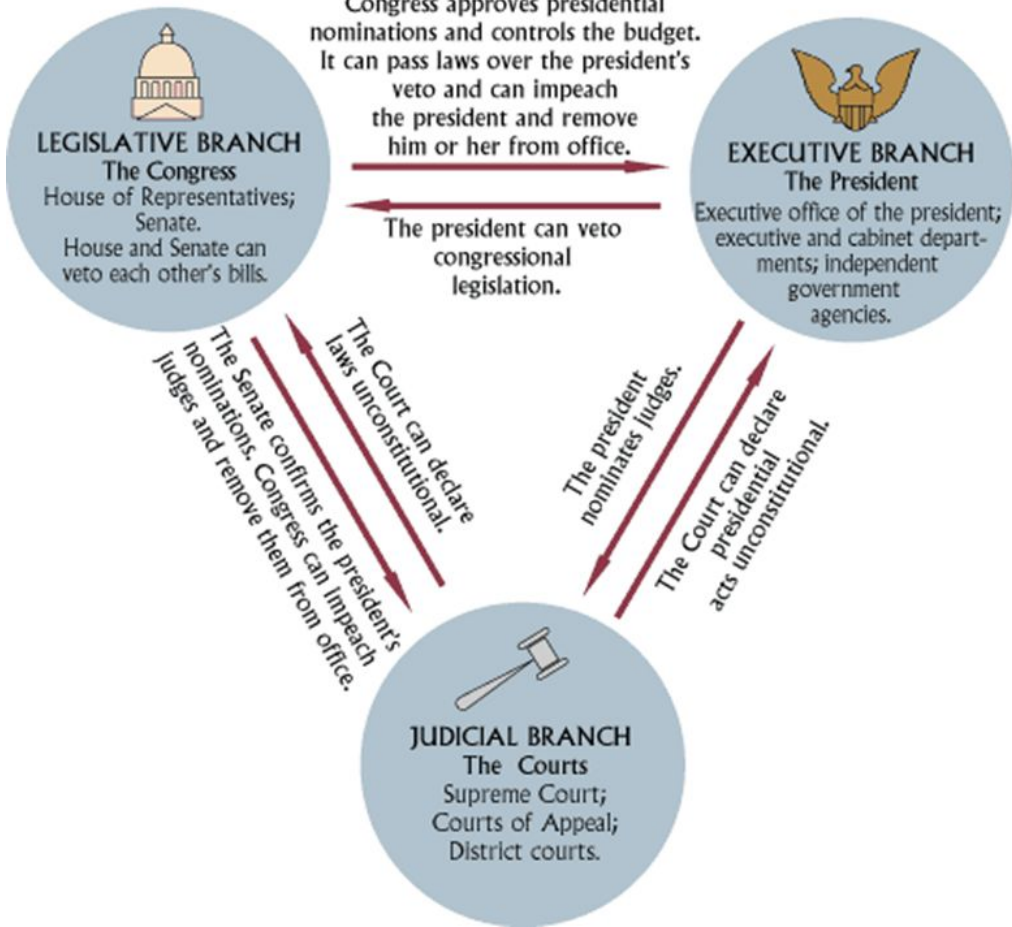
- ❖ **Judicial Branch – interprets the laws**
 - Represents the Constitution
 - Serves for life



4. Checks and Balances



- ❖ Each Branch is checked by the other branches
- ❖ Ensures one branch does not have all the power



5. Federalism



- ❖ The sharing of powers between the national and state governments
- ❖ Some powers are delegated to the national gov't and some are reserved for the states
- ❖ States have their own laws, courts, constitutions, and elected officials

6. Judicial Review

- ❖ Power of the court to determine the constitutionality of a government
- ❖ Supremacy Clause – US Constitution is the supreme law of the land



Scavenger Hunt

- ❖ Go to Google Classroom and begin the assignment **“Constitutional Scavenger Hunt”**
- ❖ You may work by yourself or with one partner
- ❖ You may not finish today, but you need to be familiar with the Constitution before we start discussing it in more detail on Wednesday

Kahoot!!!

Closure

❖ Question: