

Glossary/After You Read

bill Draft of a proposed law presented to the legislature for approval

civilians People who are not in the armed forces

impeachment Official accusation of wrongdoings by the House of Representatives against a government official

incriminate To cause to appear guilty of a crime

naturalized Granted full citizenship to one of foreign birth

override To declare null and void; to set aside

veto Power of a chief executive to reject a bill passed by the legislature and prevent it from becoming a law

Terms & Names

A. Write the letter of the name or term next to the description that explains it best.

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| a. Preamble | d. Congress |
| b. Senate | e. judicial power |
| c. Supreme Court | f. House of Representatives |

- _____ 1. The lower house of Congress
- _____ 2. The introduction to the Constitution
- _____ 3. The legislative branch of government
- _____ 4. The upper house of Congress
- _____ 5. The highest federal court

B. Write the name or term that best completes each sentence.

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| enumerated powers | Bill of Rights |
| succession | double jeopardy |
| elastic clause | suffrage |

- The Fifth Amendment protects citizens against _____, or being tried twice for the same crime.
- Several amendments expanded _____, or the right to vote.
- The first 10 amendments are known as the _____.
- Particular powers of the Congress that are listed in Article 1 are often called the _____ of Congress.
- The clause giving Congress power to do whatever is "necessary and proper" to govern is called the _____.

Main Ideas

1. Why are there more House members than Senate members?

2. How can the president lose his or her job before election time?

3. How are Supreme Court justices appointed?

4. What is the importance of the Bill of Rights?

5. What did the 26th Amendment do?

Thinking Critically

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. How does the Constitution reflect the fear of making the country's leader too strong?
2. Which two amendments do you think have had the greatest effect in protecting democracy in the United States?