

Reading the Constitution

Article I

Section I: The Basics

1. Article I addresses which power of government?

2. Who is **vested** with this power?

Section II: House of Reps

3. Representatives serve terms of ____ years. The qualifications to serve as a representative are as follows...

4. How often are seats in the House reapportioned?

5. What is the purpose of reapportionment?

6. What does “sole power to impeach” mean?

Section III: Senate

7. Senators serve terms of ____ years. The qualifications to serve as a senator are as follows...

8. Senators are divided into “three classes” What does this mean?

9. Senators are divided into “three classes.” Why was this done?

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10. What role does the Senate play in impeachment?

Section IV: Meeting

11. Who determines when and where elections are held?

Section V: Proceedings

12. What number constitutes quorum in the House of Reps?

13. Who is responsible for reprimanding congressmen and congresswomen?

14. "Expulsion" of a congressperson requires a super-majority of the membership, what is it?

15. Why would such a provision in #14 be seen as controversial?

Section VI: Compensation...

16. Why would the Constitution require Senators and Representatives to be paid for their service?

17. Reps. and Sens. [shall not] be appointed to any civil office... What does this mean?

Section VII: Bills and Vetoes

18. Tax bills must start here

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19. Congress may override a presidential veto of a bill in this manner.

Section VIII: Powers of Congress (key section)

20. List five powers that are specifically listed to Congress in the Constitution.

21. Powers listed in this section of the Constitution are also referred to as these kinds of powers.

22. Clause 18, the “Necessary and Proper Clause,” provides the basis for these kinds of powers.

Section IX: Powers denied to Congress

23. List three powers that are specifically denied to Congress.

Section X: Power denied to the states

24. Identify three powers that states cannot exercise per the Constitution.

25. Why would the Constitution deny such powers to the states?
