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Honors US History 10 Summer Assignment

Directions: Go online to Constitution.org, ConstitutionUS.com, and other reputable websites to read about the United States Constitution. Then, answer each of the following questions. This work is due the first day of class in August. Please be ready for discussion of what you learn. The more information you can share (USE EVERY LINE, PLEASE) the more you will learn.

Section I. Short Response

Define the following terms in two sentences. Your first sentence should explain what the term means. The second sentence should explain why the term is significant. Subsequent sentences should go on to share information relating the term to the Constitution, and then some.

1. Equal Representation

2. Federalism

3. Checks and Balances

4. Three-Fifths Compromise

5. Federalists

Section II. Multiple Choice and True/False

Circle the letter that best completes the sentence or best answers the question.

1. America's first constitution was called
 - a. The Magna Carta
 - b. The Continental Congress
 - c. The Articles of Confederation
 - d. The bill of Rights

2. Britain recognized the United States as an independent nation after the signing of
 - a. The Treaty of London.
 - b. The Treaty of Paris.
 - c. The Declaration of Independence.
 - d. The Bill of Rights.

3. These two states were instrumental in adding a Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution.
 - a. New York and New Jersey
 - b. New Jersey and Virginia
 - c. New York and Virginia
 - d. Pennsylvania and New York

4. The Articles of Confederation required _____ out of 13 states to vote to pass a law and _____ out of 13 states to vote to make an amendment.
 - a. 9 and 9
 - b. 9 and 13
 - c. 13 and 9
 - d. 13 and 13

5. Shay's Rebellion made the writers of the Constitution feel the need to ensure

- a. Common Defense.
 - b. Domestic Tranquility.
 - c. Preamble.
 - d. Liberty and Justice for all.
6. Anti-federalists feared
- a. A foreign invasion.
 - b. Power in the hands of the states.
 - c. A Bill of Rights.
 - d. A strong federal government.
7. The Articles of Confederation caused the United States to accumulate
- a. Lots of foreign allies.
 - b. High revenue from taxes.
 - c. Lots of new territories.
 - d. High debt.
8. This man wrote the Virginia Plan.
- a. Roger Sherman
 - b. James Monroe
 - c. James Madison
 - d. James Earl Jones

9. Federal Courts may hear cases involving
 - a. Violations of federal law only.
 - b. Disputes between states only.
 - c. Violations of federal law and disputes between states.
 - d. None of the above.
10. Under the federal system the final authority is the
 - a. U.S. Constitution.
 - b. President.
 - c. Senate.
 - d. House of Representatives.
11. What keeps the branch of government from gaining too much power?
 - a. Voting on a bill.
 - b. Vetoing.
 - c. The Executive Branch.
 - d. Checks and balances.
12. States can make laws as long as
 - a. They override national laws.
 - b. They do not involve trade.
 - c. They do not interfere with federal laws.
 - d. They are a part of the Union.

