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What is the supreme law of the land?

The Constitution.

What does the Constitution do?

Sets up the government, defines the government, and protects basic rights of Americans.

The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

We the People.

What is an amendment?

A change or addition to the Constitution.

How many amendments does the Constitution have?

Twenty-seven (27).

What did the Declaration of Independence do?

Announced our independence from Great Britain.

What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?

Life and Liberty.

What is freedom of religion?

You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.

What is the economic system in the United States?

Capitalist economy.

What is the rule of law?

Everyone must follow the law.

Name one branch or part of the government.

Congress.

What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

Checks and balances.

Who is in charge of the executive branch?

The President.

Who makes federal laws?

Congress.

What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

The Senate and House of Representatives.

How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

Nine (9).

Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?

John Roberts.

What is the highest court in the United States?

The Supreme Court.

What is one power of the federal government?

To print money.

What is one power of the states?

Provide schooling and education.

Who is the Governor of your state now?

[Your state's governor].

What is the capital of the United States?

Washington, D.C.

What are the two major political parties in the United States?

Democratic and Republican.

What is the political party of the current President?

Democratic Party.

What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?

[Current Speaker's name].

There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.

Citizens eighteen (18) and older can vote.

What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?

Serve on a jury.

Name one right only for United States citizens.

The right to vote in federal elections.

What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?

The United States.

What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?

To obey the laws of the United States.

How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

Eighteen (18) and older.

What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

Vote and run for office.

What is the name of the President of the United States now?

[Current President's name].

What is the capital of your state?

[Your state's capital].

Where is the Statue of Liberty located?

New York Harbor.

Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

Because there were 13 original colonies.

What do the stripes on the flag represent?

The 13 original colonies.

What is the national anthem of the United States?

The Star-Spangled Banner.

When do we celebrate Independence Day?

July 4th.

Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

The Civil War.

What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

Frees the slaves in the Confederate states.

What did Susan B. Anthony do?

Fought for women's rights.

Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

What did Martin Luther King Jr. do?

Fought for civil rights.

What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

The Civil Rights Movement.

What did the 19th Amendment do?

Gave women the right to vote.

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