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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.

What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

The Bill of Rights.

What is one right or freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment?

Speech, religion, assembly, press, petition the government.

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 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, President, the courts.

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 U.S. Senators are there?

One hundred (100).

We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

Six (6) years.

Who is the current Chief Justice of the United States?

John Roberts.

What is the highest court in the United States?

The Supreme Court.

How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

Nine (9).

Who is the current President of the United States?

Joe Biden.

What is the capital of the United States?

Washington, D.C.

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 give up loyalty to other countries.

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?

Joe Biden.

What is the capital of your state?

(Answer will vary depending on the state.)

What is one reason colonists came to America?

Freedom.

Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

Native Americans.

What group of people came to America in the 1600s?

Colonists.

Why did the colonists fight the British?

Because of high taxes (taxation without representation), British army staying in their houses (boarding, quarter), and they didn't have self-government.

Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

Thomas Jefferson.

When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

July 4, 1776.

There were 13 original states. Name three.

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island.

What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?

Freeded the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation).

What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

Freeded the slaves in the Confederate states.

What did Susan B. Anthony do?

Fought for women's rights.

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

Civil War.

What were the two sides in the Civil War?

The North and the South.

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.

What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

Freedom of expression and freedom of speech.

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.



What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

Freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

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

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