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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.

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.

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 obey the laws of the United States.

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

Vote and run for office.

What is the name of the national anthem?

The Star-Spangled Banner.

When do we celebrate Independence Day?

July 4.

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

The Civil War.

What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

Frees the slaves.

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 are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

Freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

What do we call the economic system in the United States?

Capitalism.

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.

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Freedom of expression and freedom of assembly.

What is the capital of your state?

(Answer will vary depending on the state.)

What is one reason colonists came to America?

Freedom.

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 York, New Jersey, and Virginia.

What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

U.S. diplomat.

Who is the 'Father of Our Country'?

George Washington.

What were the Federalist Papers?

A series of essays supporting the Constitution.

What is one reason why the colonists came to America?

Religious freedom.



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

Joe Biden.

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

Kamala Harris.

What is the political party of the President now?

Democratic Party.

What is the largest river in the United States?

The Mississippi River.

What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

The Pacific Ocean.

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