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Constitution Study Guide

Vocabulary/ Terms to Know:

Articles of Confederation	established the USA as a sovereign nation.
5 Functions of Government (Preamble)	establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, secure the blessings of liberty.
Double Jeopardy	a 2 nd prosecution for the same offense after acquittal or conviction
Bicameral	having 2 chambers/houses
Separation of Powers	Branches w/ separate & independent powers No one branch conflicts w/ others
Checks and Balances	Each branch checks/limits of others so no single branch can dominate the government.
Electoral College	special group of voters selected by their state's voters to vote for president & vice president
Popular Vote	votes cast by entire U.S. population to vote for politicians
Writ of Habeas Corpus	protection against unlawful imprisonment.

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Executive Branch	headed by President to carry out nation's laws & policies
Legislative Branch	law making branch - studies and interprets Laws
Judicial Branch	Court system
Bill of Rights	Name for the 1 st 10 amendments of U.S. Constitution
Amendments	Something added to document
Due Process	legal requirement that the state must respect all legal rights owed to a person.
Establishment Clause	1 st of several pronouncements in 1 st Amendment to U.S. Constitution
Miranda Rights	Right to remain silent and not incriminate themselves in a crime.
Probable Cause	Refers to facts or evidence that would make a reasonable person believe that a crime or wrong doing has been, or will be committed.
Precedent	Any act, decision, or case that serves as a guide or justification for subsequent situations.

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Know the requirements of Senators, Representatives and the President.

Requirements to be President	Requirements to be a Representative	Requirements to be a Senator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 35 yrs. old• natural born citizen• 14 yrs live in U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 25 yrs. old- citizen for 7 yrs- live in represented state	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 30 yrs old- citizen for 9 yrs- live in represented state

Be able to know the arguments for and against the Electoral College.

Pros (arguments for)	Cons (arguments against)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• people living in cities can't have more influence than rural people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• win popular vote and lose electoral college

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Be able to explain how a bill becomes a law.

- 1) Idea
- 2) Pass majority vote in Congress
- 3) Send to Senate
- 4) Pass majority vote in Senate
- 5) Send to President, he can approve or veto

Know the differences between a democracy and a republic.

- Republic - Elect representatives * "do" government
↳ America

- Democracy - people have direct role → rule of majority

Know how the Supreme Court makes a decision on a case. Be able to explain the judicial process for the Supreme Court.

- 1) 4 justices must agree to see case.
- 2) If they don't take case it "dies" w/ previous court decision.
- 3) After case is presented by both sides, justices meet & discuss implications on society.
- 4) Justices vote 5 out of 9 for majority... dissenting or concurring. Chief Justice writes decision/opinion, issues of case & reasoning behind decision.

Know the main function/power of each branch of government

- How does each branch "check" or "balance" the other branches? (see the chart below)

