



The American Constitution

History 7 Constitution



British vs. America

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| ■ King | President |
| ■ Magna Carta | Constitution |
| ■ Parliament | Congress |
| □ House of Lords | Senate |
| □ House of Commons | House of Rep |
| ■ Prime Minister | Speaker of the House |
| □ David Cameron | John Boehner |



Article I - Legislative Branch

■ Senate

- 6 year term
- Unlimited terms
- 30 years old
- VA: Mark Warner
Jim Webb



Article I

■ House

- 2 year term
- Unlimited terms
- 25 years old
 - Fairfax VA – Gerry Connolly
 - Fairfax County – Frank Wolfe



How a Bill Becomes a Law

- House has a bill
- Senate has a bill
- Joint House-Senate bill
- Goes to the President
 - Signed = Law
 - Vetoed = Back to Congress
 - Override with 2/3% = President must sign into law
 - Dead = must give up or start again



Impeachment

- House – charges are brought
- Senate – trial and guilt phase
 - Jury = Senate
 - Must get 2/3 vote to convict
 - Prosecutor = Speaker of the House/Reps
 - Defense Attys = Represent the Official
 - Judge = Chief Justice



Article II - Executive Branch

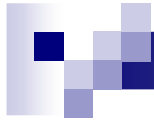
- President – must be 35; US born
- Line of Succession – Section 1.6
 1. Vice President – Joe Biden
 2. Speaker of the House – John Boehner
 3. Senate pro tempore – Daniel Inouye
 4. Secretary of State – Hillary Clinton
 5. Secretary of Treasury – Timothy Geithner
 6. Secretary of Defense – Leon Panetta
 7. Attorney General – Eric Holder



Article III - Judicial Branch

- Supreme Court

1. Chief Justice – John Roberts
2. Scalia
3. Thomas
4. Kennedy
5. Alito
6. Kagan
7. Breyer
8. Ginsberg
9. Sotomayor



Branch	State	Feds	Job	Terms	Age
Exec	Gov	P,VP, Cabinet	Enforce Laws	4 years 2 terms	35
Leg	Senate	Senate	Makes Laws	6 years ? Terms	30
	House of Delegate	House of Rep		2 years ? Terms	25
Jud	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Interpret Laws	????	?



Amendments

- 1. Speech, Press, Religion, Assembly, Petition
- 2. Right to bear arms, have a militia
- 3. No quartering of troops
- 4. No search and seizure without due process
- 5. No self incrimination, no double jeopardy, attorney



Amendments

- 6. Counsel, speedy trial, fair trial
- 7. Trial by jury
- 8. No cruel and unusual punishment or bail
- 9. Power reserved by the people
- 10. Power reserved by the state



Amendment

- 13. No slavery
- 14. AA are citizens
- 15. AA have the right to vote
- 16. Income tax
- 18. Prohibition of Alcohol
- 19. Women can vote
- 21. Repeal of #18 – Alcohol is up to the States
- 22. Limit Presidential Limits
- 26. 18 years olds can vote



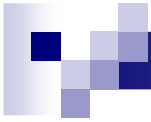
Key Vocabulary Terms

- Federalism – Balance of state and federal powers
- Enumerated Powers – listed powers
- Implied Powers – not specifically listed powers
- Concurrent Powers – more than one gov can do it
- Separation of Powers – each branch has own powers
- Checks and Balances – each branch reviews acts of others
- Amendment – additions



Key Vocabulary Terms

- Impeachment – remove from office before term is over
- Preamble – Introduction
- Due Process – procedures that must be followed
- Naturalization – process of becoming a citizen
- Citizen – protected by the government
- Appropriate – set monies aside
- Constituents – people a representative looks after





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	1.	1.		1.	
	2.	2.		2.	