

THE CONSTITUTION ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Before Reading Documents: Read through the statements about the Constitution.

During the Reading of the Documents: As you read the historical documents, find and write down the “evidence” (quotes, phrases and the document name) where you believe the document may have influenced the contents of the Constitution.

1. We (the people) find it necessary to form a new government through this Constitution. (Preamble)

2. We (the people) want liberty and justice for ourselves and all future generations. (Preamble)

3. Congress has the power to collect taxes and fees to pay debts to foreign nations, and to provide for a common defense through the military. This money is also for the welfare of all the United States and will not favor one state over another. (Article I)

4. To create a government, there will be free elections by the people. This type of representative government will elect a Congress and a President. (Article I, Article V)

5. Each citizen has the right to freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the right to assembly, and the right to petition the government. (Amendment I)

6. Each citizen has the right to a speedy trial by an impartial jury. (Amendment VI)

7. A citizen who is accused of a crime has the right to be confronted by the witnesses against him. (Amendment VI)

8. Each citizen has the right to keep and bear arms. (Amendment II)

9. A federal system of courts and justices will be established to deliver interpretations of the Constitution as law. (Article III)

10. No title of nobility will be granted by the United States to any citizen. (Article I)