

LOOPING THROUGH THE CONSTITUTION

Learning Objective(s): The student will

- A. Review basic principles of the United States Constitution.








TEKS: 8.15D; Govt 7.D

Materials Needed: A set of cards, cut apart


Teaching Strategy:

1. This activity is to be used as a review of the students' understanding of ideas and key people involved in the writing of the U.S. Constitution.
2. The teacher should keep the first card—"I have the Preamble of the Constitution..." The remaining 29 cards should be handed out, one to a student. For smaller classes, give some students more than one card. For larger classes, pair up some students with a card. It is important for each student to have a card.
3. The activity begins when the teacher reads his/her card and the question that follows the statement. The student that has the answer to the question at the top of his/her card then stands and reads the answer. They proceed to read the question that follows at the bottom of their card. The process continues until the loop is complete which occurs when the question read leads back to the "Preamble" card held by the teacher.

Note: The cards are in the correct order on the handout.

<p>I have the Preamble of the Constitution</p> <p>Who has the branch of government that creates the laws?</p> 	<p>I have the George Washington.</p> <p>Who has the branch of government charged with interpreting or explaining the laws or actions of the government?</p> 
<p>I have legislative branch of the government.</p> <p>Who has the term of office of a Senator?</p> 	<p>I have the judicial branch.</p> <p>Who has a difference in the membership of the House of Representatives and the Senate?</p> 
<p>I have 6 years.</p> <p>Who has the term of office of a member of the House of Representatives?</p> 	<p>I have the fact one is based on population of each state and one is made up equally of two per state.</p> <p>Who has the name of the body that officially elects the President of the United States?</p> 
<p>I have two years.</p> <p>Who has the man who served as President of the Constitutional Convention?</p> 	<p>I have the Electoral College?</p> <p>Who has the part of the legislative branch that must originate all revenue (tax) bills?</p> 

<p>I have the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Who has the one of the major roles of the President of the United States?</p> 	<p>I have popular sovereignty.</p> <p>Who has the name for the first Ten Amendments to the Constitution?</p> 
<p>I have commander-in-chief of the military forces.</p> <p>Who has the number of justices on the current U.S. Supreme Court?</p> 	<p>I have the Bill of Rights.</p> <p>Who has the Amendment that guarantees free speech, press, religion, petition, and assembly?</p> 
<p>I have 9.</p> <p>Who has the term of office of a Supreme Court Justice?</p> 	<p>I have the First Amendment.</p> <p>Who has the Amendment that guarantees a free and public trial?</p> 
<p>I have life or good behavior.</p> <p>Who has the constitutional principle that is defined as a government run by representatives chosen through an election process?</p> 	<p>I have the Sixth Amendment.</p> <p>Who has an example of checks and balances concerning the President's check of the legislative branch's power to make laws?</p> 
<p>I have republicanism.</p> <p>Who has the constitutional principle that is defined as a government where the ultimate power rests with "we the people" or all the citizens?</p> 	<p>I have the power to veto a law.</p> <p>Who has the Amendment that prohibits illegal searches and seizure by government officials?</p> 

<p>I have the Fourth Amendment.</p> <p>Who has an example of checks and balances concerning the President's power to make appointments, such as a Justice on the Supreme Court?</p> 	<p>I have Thomas Jefferson.</p> <p>Who has the Amendment that gives the people the right to keep and use guns?</p> 
<p>I have the Senate's right to approve all Presidential appointments by a majority.</p> <p>Who has an example of the Constitutional principle of federalism?</p> 	<p>I have the Second Amendment.</p> <p>Who has the Amendment that protects us from cruel and unusual punishment?</p> 
<p>I have the right of the national government to coin money and the right of the state to regulate education.</p> <p>Who has the Amendment that guarantees the right of due process?</p> 	<p>I have the Eighth Amendment.</p> <p>Who has the Amendment that provides for some rights such as privacy that are not listed in the Constitution?</p> 
<p>I have the Fifth Amendment.</p> <p>Who has the institution that can rule a law unconstitutional?</p> 	<p>I have the Ninth Amendment.</p> <p>Who has the man considered as the "Father of the Bill of Rights" and the fourth president of the U.S.?</p> 
<p>I have the Supreme Court.</p> <p>Who has the author of the Declaration of Independence, who was not present at the Constitutional Convention?</p> 	<p>I have James Madison.</p> <p>Who has the introduction to the Constitution that sets out six goals for our government?</p> 