

Study Guide

What are the 6 objectives of the Preamble?

Be able to explain the 5 principles

- A. Inalienable rights / social compact
- B. Popular sovereignty
- C. Rule of law
- D. Limited government
- E. Equality

What are the three branches of government? What are their responsibilities?

Legislative Branch (Congress)

Executive Branch

Judicial Branch

Explain why the Constitution is a “living document”.

How do we change the Constitution? How many times has it been changed?

Mechanisms that protect the principles of the Constitution

A. What is Federalism? (Think shared powers!)

B. What is checks and balance?

C. What is separation of powers?

What is the electoral college? Why do we have it?

Explain why a candidate must have 270 to win?

Think in math terms (100 Senators/435 Representatives/Washington D.C.)