

# Activities



# US Government

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Match the underlined definition to the term.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Articles of Confederation established a government in which citizens elect representatives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. At first the Constitutional Convention met to change the Articles of Confederation, but instead, it formed a new government.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Constitution created a national government that shared its powers with the state governments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The US president is the leader who represents the country and the commander-in-chief of the military.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Bill of Rights consisted of ten additions to the Constitution that balanced citizens' rights with their responsibilities.

- A amend
- B amendments
- C federal government
- D head of state
- E republic

Write T if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write the correction for the underlined word(s).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Governments are appointed by God to ensure power and protect citizens.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Under the Articles of Confederation, Congress did not have enough power to lead the country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was led by George Washington.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The Senate has more members than the House of Representatives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Supreme Court justices are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The Bill of Rights was written by Thomas Jefferson.

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Write *F* for federal government, *S* for state government, and *B* for both federal and state government.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| _____ 12. taxes citizens   | _____ 17. builds roads          |
| _____ 13. can coin money   | _____ 18. conducts elections    |
| _____ 14. issues licenses  | _____ 19. controls the military |
| _____ 15. can declare war  | _____ 20. makes laws            |
| _____ 16. provides schools |                                 |

21–32. Complete the chart.

Cabinet carries Congress House of Representatives interprets makes  
 money President Senate Supreme Court tries Vice President

### Branches of Government

BRANCHES	LEGISLATIVE	EXECUTIVE	JUDICIAL
OFFICES			
JOB	_____ laws	_____ out laws	_____ laws
	controls _____		_____ cases between states

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# Growth

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Match the description to the person. One answer will be used twice.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. the president who offered to buy New Orleans from France
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. the president who was forced to leave the President's House during the War of 1812
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. the leader of the men who defended the city of New Orleans
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. the president who agreed to buy the Louisiana Territory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. the secretary of state when Florida was added to the United States

- A John Adams
- B Andrew Jackson
- C Thomas Jefferson
- D James Madison

Draw a line from the fact to the action that followed.

## Fact

6. France needed money for a war.

7. Britain forced American sailors to work on British ships.

8. British soldiers attacked Washington, DC.

9. Americans lowered their flag after the Battle of Ft. McHenry.

10. The Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812, was signed in Europe.

11. Spain was not controlling the people of Florida.

## Action

The US Congress declared war on Britain.

British soldiers attacked New Orleans after the War of 1812 was officially ended.

France offered to sell the Louisiana Territory to the United States.

Control of Florida was turned over to the United States.

The President's House and the Capitol were burned.

American soldiers raised a large US flag proclaiming their victory.

Write *R* for each statement that was a result of the War of 1812.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Americans' patriotism grew.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Ft. McHenry now belonged to Britain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. No one won the War of 1812.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Treaty of Ghent gave the land of Florida to the United States.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Americans could move west easier.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Americans successfully defended themselves against Britain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Native Americans no longer worked with Britain.



Answer the questions.

19. What were US ships trying to do when the British intercepted them?

\_\_\_\_\_

20. What US ship, nicknamed "Old Ironsides," won many battles during the War of 1812?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Primary Source

Read Dolley Madison's letter to her sister. Answer the questions.

"Our kind friend, Mr. Carroll, has come to hasten my departure, and in a very bad humor with me, because I insist on waiting until the large picture of General Washington is secured, and it requires to be unscrewed from the wall. This process

was found too tedious for these perilous moments; I have ordered the frame to be broken, and the canvas taken out. It is done! and the precious portrait placed in the hands of two gentlemen of New York, for safe keeping."

21. Why did Dolley need to leave the President's House?

\_\_\_\_\_

22. Why do you think Dolley wanted to save the picture?

\_\_\_\_\_

23. Why did Dolley have the frame of the picture broken?

\_\_\_\_\_

# Quiz Review

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the statements.

Battle of Saratoga   British   British Parliament   Constitution  
federal government   French   Native Americans  
republic   United States   Vikings

1. The first people to arrive in North America were the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The colonists who came to America to make money and have political and religious freedoms were the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Because the \_\_\_\_\_ did not tell anyone about their discovering North America, Christopher Columbus was credited with the discovery.
4. British colonists in America had no one representing them in the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The French decided to help the Americans fight the British after America won the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. United States citizens elect representatives to run their government. This form of government is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The US government has more power under the \_\_\_\_\_ than it did under the Articles of Confederation.
8. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ can declare war and control the military.
9. Thomas Jefferson agreed to buy the Louisiana Territory from the \_\_\_\_\_ government.
10. Neither Britain nor the \_\_\_\_\_ won the War of 1812.

## Growth and Conflict

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Match the description to the answer.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. It offered land to Native Americans in exchange for their lands in the south.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. He was against forcing Native Americans off their lands.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. He wanted to move Native Americans from their lands in the south.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. This shows a path from one location to another.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. This Native American nation walked the Trail of Tears.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. This made the Rio Grande the official border between Texas and Mexico.

- A Andrew Jackson
- B Cherokee
- C Indian Removal Act
- D John Adams
- E route map
- F Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Write *N* for each statement that describes the North.  
Write *S* for each statement that describes the South.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. wanted strong state governments
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. wanted a strong national government
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. had small farms and many factories
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. had plantations that relied on slave labor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. had 9 million people living mainly in the country
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. had 22 million people living mainly in large cities



Write *T* if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write the correction for the underlined word(s).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. President Lincoln believed states could not leave the Union.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The first battle of the Civil War was won by the Union at Fort Sumter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Confederate States of America eventually included fifteen states.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The Civil War ended when General Lee surrendered to General Grant.

Mark the false statement.

17. Texas

- Texans won their freedom from Mexico.
- Texans voted to become a state of the United States.
- Texas joined the United States as a free state.

18. Oregon Territory

- Britain and the United States claimed this territory.
- The 49th parallel divided the territory.
- Vancouver Island belongs to the United States.

19. Mexican Cession

- This land was purchased from Spain.
- This land was purchased after the Mexican War.
- The United States paid \$15 million for this land.

20. Gadsden Purchase

- This land was bought from Mexico.
- This land was purchased to build a railroad in the north.
- James Gadsden represented the United States when buying this land.

21. Alaska Purchase

- The United States bought the land after the Civil War.
- This land was bought from Britain.
- It was called "Seward's Folly."

Answer the questions.

22. Why was the US government wrong in forcing the Native Americans to leave their land?

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23. What were two important results of the Civil War?

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