



We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

QUIZ

Unit Three, Lesson 11

“What basic ideas about government are included in the Preamble to the Constitution?”

Name _____

Date _____

Vocabulary Matching

Directions: Write the letter of the definition next to the appropriate vocabulary words.

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| 1. ordain_____ | a. (noun) system to protect the U.S. and its citizens from those who might want to wage war against the U.S. |
| 2. establish_____ | b. (noun) the laws of government must be fair and all people must be treated the same |
| 3. preamble_____ | c. (noun) this means the same as the common good; what is good for all the people of a community or nation |
| 4. justice_____ | d. (verb) give official approval |
| 5. general welfare_____ | e. (noun) this phrase refers to providing the people with the protections and freedoms of a constitutional democracy, not only for themselves but also for future generations |
| 6. domestic tranquility_____ | f. (noun) peace and order within the borders of the U.S. |
| 7. common defense_____ | g. (noun) this phrase refers to creating a form of government that serves the people and protects their rights and liberties |
| 8. blessings of liberty_____ | h. (verb) accept |
| 9. a more perfect union_____ | i. (noun) the introduction to the Constitution; it states that the people establish the government and lists the purposes of government |

Short Answer

Directions: Answer the following instruction and question in the space provided below. If you need additional space, continue your answer on the back of the page.

10. Explain what “establish justice” means. Why is this important?

Multiple Choice

Directions: Read each of the following partial statements and question carefully. Circle only the best answer for each.

11. Some people say “We the People” are the most important words in our Constitution because
- the people of the United States wrote the document.
 - the people of the United States are the ultimate source of power in our government.
 - the people of the United States have the right to vote and other countries don’t let their citizens vote.
 - the people of the United States are all created equal.
12. “Ensure domestic tranquility” means
- to protect citizens from outside powers who might want to wage war against the United States.
 - keep peace and order within the borders of the United States.
 - the government must be fair and treat all people in a fair manner.
 - what is good for all the people in a community or nation.
13. “Provide for the common defense” means
- to protect citizens from outside powers who might want to wage war against the United States.
 - keep peace and order within the borders of the United States.
 - the government must be fair and treat all people in a fair manner.
 - what is good for all the people in a community or nation.
14. “The general welfare” means
- to protect citizens from outside powers who might want to wage war against the United States.
 - keep peace and order within the borders of the United States.
 - the government must be fair and treat all people in a fair manner.
 - what is good for all the people in a community or nation.
15. Which is one way of **not** consenting to live under the Constitution?
- willingly obeying laws
 - voting
 - refusing to serve on jury
 - taking part in solving a community problem

Lesson 11 Answers

1. D 2. H 3. I 4. B 5. C 6. F 7. A 8. E 9. G 10. SEE PAGE 92,
“REVIEW THE LESSON,” QUESTION 2
11. B 12. B 13. A 14. D 15. C