



We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

QUIZ

Unit One, Lesson 4

“What is a constitutional government?”

Name _____

Date _____

Vocabulary Matching

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

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| 1. constitution _____ | a. (noun) a set of rules and laws that tells how a government is organized and run |
| 2. constitutional government _____ | b. (noun) a person who is a member of a nation |
| 3. dictatorial government _____ | c. (noun) a government in which the powers of the ruler or rulers are limited by a constitution. The ruler(s) must obey the constitution. |
| 4. limit _____ | d. (noun) restrictions or boundaries |
| 5. citizen _____ | e. (noun) government in which the rulers have unlimited powers |

Short Answer

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

6. How are the terms “constitution” and “constitutional government” different?

Multiple Choice

Directions: Read the following partial statements carefully. Circle only the best answer that completes each statement.

7. A dictatorial government
 - a. limits the power of the government's ruler.
 - b. does not limit a ruler's power.
 - c. does not have a constitution.
 - d. is the form of government found in the United States.

8. A nation's constitution might
 - a. tell the purposes of the government.
 - b. describe how the government is organized.
 - c. explain how people are chosen to serve.
 - d. define who a citizen is along with their rights and responsibilities.
 - e. include all of the above pieces of information.

9. One way a constitution might limit a government's power is
 - a. to hold elections to remove people from office if they do not obey the constitution.
 - b. to rebel.
 - c. to create a dictator to force people to behave.
 - d. all of the above.

10. The captain aboard the ship *Richard Henry Dana* sailed on is a good example of a(n)
 - a. elected representative.
 - b. fair leader.
 - c. dictator.
 - d. dictatorial government.

Lesson 4 Answers

1. A 2. C 3. E 4. D 5. B 6. SEE PAGE 38, "REVIEW THE LESSON,"
QUESTION 5; 7. B 8. E 9. A 10. C