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Several amendments to the U.S. Constitution have addressed unique historical circumstances.

Select the boxes to identify which amendment is described by each phrase.

	11th Amendment	21st Amendment	27th Amendment
Repealed Prohibition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited the jurisdiction of the federal courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overtured the Supreme Court's ruling in <i>Chisholm v. Georgia</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prevented members of Congress from giving themselves pay raises during their current term	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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The following question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

**Part A**

The Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution was drafted in response to the debate between Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the powers of the national government. The 6th Amendment is shown.

In all criminal prosecutions, [citizens] shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Which issue is addressed by the 6th Amendment?

- ☐ A powers of taxation
- ☒ B rights of the accused
- ☐ C protection of property
- ☐ D protection from torture

**Part B**

Select all of the Anti-Federalist quotes that express concerns over the issue that you identified in Part A.

- ☐ "In the bills of rights of the States it is declared, that a well regulated militia is the proper and natural defense of a free government."
- ☐ "There is the same reason, therefore, that the exercise of power... should be restrained within proper limits, as in that of the State governments."
- ☒ "What security is there, that a man shall be furnished with a full and plain description of the charges against him? That he shall be allowed to produce all proof he can in his favor?"
- ☒ "No man is secure of a trial in the county where he is charged to have committed a crime; he may be brought from Niagara to New York, or carried from Kentucky to Richmond for trial for an offense supposed to be committed."

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The United States government is based on several key principles. The U.S. Constitution has been amended to incorporate these principles to protect the rights of the people.

Identify the principles of government that relate to the amendment excerpts shown in the chart.

Move the three principles of government into the boxes next to the amendments they relate to.

Amendment Text Excerpts	Principles of Government
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press...	Limited Government
Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State...	Popular Sovereignty
Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President...	Separation of Powers
Principles	

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Move each action from the boxes next to the appropriate numbered space to complete the sequence that shows how the three branches of government can interact with one another.

- The constitutionality of a housing law is challenged in court.
- The Supreme Court reviews the law and declares it unconstitutional.
- A new housing bill is passed by both houses of Congress.
- The president vetoes the bill.
- Congress overrides the veto and the bill becomes law.


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- Which branch or branches of the federal government enforce the laws?
- (A) judicial
  - ☒ (B) executive
  - (C) legislative and judicial
  - (D) judicial and executive

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- Before the U.S. Constitution was adopted, each state held a ratifying convention to discuss and vote on the Constitution.
- Alexander Hamilton attended the New York state ratification convention. A quote from one of his speeches during the convention is shown.
- Here [in the U.S. House of Representatives], sir, the people govern; here they act by their immediate representatives.
- Which basic principle of governance is Hamilton highlighting in this quote?
- (A) federalism
  - (B) limited government
  - ☒ (C) popular sovereignty
  - (D) separation of powers

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7 Which action describes a civic responsibility at the local or municipal level?

- ☒ (A) filing federal taxes
- ☐ (B) participating in school board meetings
- ☐ (C) launching a campaign to be elected to state office
- ☐ (D) worshipping at a local church, temple, synagogue, or mosque

**8**

Use your knowledge of the federal government and Ohio's state government to identify the powers of each level of government.

Move each government power into the Federal Government or the State Government column.



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- What is one way the Federal Reserve System regulates economic activity?
- (A) regulating tariff rates on foreign imports
  - (B) regulating production of consumer goods
  - (C) regulating the amount of money in circulation
  - (D) regulating spending by the federal government

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- The Ohio Constitution of 1851 established district courts.
- How did this solve an existing problem in the state?
- (A) It reduced the burden on the Ohio Supreme Court.
  - (B) It brought civic order during a time of social disorder and chaos.
  - (C) It curbed the federal government's infringement on Ohio's state rights.
  - (D) It provided additional checks and balances against the executive branch.

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Consensus building as a way of solving conflict is an important tool for citizens of a democratic society.

Which statement describes consensus building?

- (A) Both parties sacrifice something they want in order to resolve a conflict.
- (B) Both parties agree to a series of meetings in order to discuss solutions to a conflict.
- (C) Both parties try to convince each other that their idea is better in order to solve a conflict.
- (D) Both parties search for common ground or areas of mutual agreement in order to solve a conflict.

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In the 1950s and 1960s, the federal government acted to extend civil rights to African Americans.

Match each branch of the federal government with an action it took to extend civil rights during this period.

Move the appropriate branch into the correct box.

- You do not need to use all the branches.

**Actions to Advance Civil Rights**

Sent the National Guard to enforce desegregation in the South	Executive
Declared that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional	Judicial
<b>Branches</b>	
	Legislative

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What happens when the laws of Ohio and the federal government contradict one another?

- ☐ (A) The Ohio Supreme Court determines which law will be enforced in Ohio.
- ☐ (B) State law is followed because both constitutions agree that state law takes precedence over federal law.
- ☐ (C) The U.S. Congress holds hearings on the conflict and determines which law will govern the people of Ohio.
- ☒ (D) The U.S. Constitution is followed because it states that the laws of the United States take precedence over state law.

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The following question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

**Part A**

In the United States, rights carry responsibilities.

Which is a civic responsibility of citizens?

- ☒ (A) serving on a jury
- ☐ (B) attending college
- ☐ (C) donating money to charity
- ☐ (D) being active in a political party

**Part B**

Which right of U.S. citizens does the civic responsibility that you selected in Part A safeguard?

- ☐ (A) right to an education
- ☒ (B) right to an impartial jury
- ☐ (C) right to be mayor of a city
- ☐ (D) right to read the newspaper

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During the early 20th century, several amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified to address the concerns of Progressive Era reformers.

Select the boxes to identify the effect of each constitutional amendment listed.

	16th Amendment	17th Amendment	18th Amendment	19th Amendment
Established a federal income tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guaranteed full suffrage rights to women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mandated the direct election of senators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Voting rights in the United States have been extended through four amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Identify the group of people who were granted suffrage by the 26th Amendment.

Then, explain one reason for the amendment's ratification.

Type your answer in the space provided.

18-19-20 year olds.

It was thought that if that age group was able to serve in the military then they should be able to vote as well.

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Two speakers before the Newtown City Council are debating whether to build a bridge that leads to an undeveloped piece of land. Read and evaluate the following for possible bias.

This bridge would be a waste of money. It would not be wise to build a bridge to a piece of undeveloped land that is not guaranteed to be developed anytime soon.

—Kara Weintraub,  
City Economic Development  
Director

Building a bridge over the river is a great idea. The citizens of this town deserve a new bridge, and now is the perfect time to build it! This bridge will expand countless opportunities for every citizen of Newtown.

—Gene Morelli,  
owner of the land near  
the proposed bridge site

Consider the statements of each speaker. Identify which speaker would be the least biased on this issue and state why.

Type your answer in the space provided.

The first speaker would be the least biased on this issue because they don't appear to have any personal interest in the proposed project. The second speaker owns land near the proposed bridge and could benefit from its being built.

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Ohio's General Assembly is considering a proposal to expand the state highway system and is listening to presentations about the topic. One concerned citizen who opposes the proposal gives a presentation that describes the potential consequences of the expansion. Another citizen who supports the proposal gives a presentation that describes the potential benefits of the expansion.

Which conflict resolution process is being used by both citizens?

☒ persuasion

☐ negotiation

☐ compromise

☐ consensus building

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A citizen makes a comment during an Ohio General Assembly committee hearing on a proposed state education bill related to the amount of funding the state will provide to local schools.

Which level and branch of government is the target of this method of government engagement?

- ☐ (A) Ohio executive branch
- ☒ (B) Ohio legislative branch
- ☐ (C) United States executive branch
- ☐ (D) United States legislative branch

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Suppose the United States economy is experiencing a period of severe inflation.

Identify three actions the Federal Reserve could take to ease this problem:

Click on the "Buy" or "Sell" box for Government securities. Then click on the up or down arrows for the Discount rate and Reserve requirement.

**Actions**

Buy	Government securities	Sell
↑	Discount rate	↓
↑	Reserve requirement	↓

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Individuals in Ohio have a responsibility to assist state and local government authorities in addressing problems throughout the state.

Select all of the actions that fulfill this responsibility at the local level.

- ☐ serving in the National Guard
- ☐ writing a letter to the governor
- ☒ attending city council meetings
- ☒ serving as a volunteer firefighter
- ☒ organizing a neighborhood watch program

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The preamble to the U.S. Constitution introduces one of the basic principles of government in the United States. An excerpt from the preamble to the U.S. Constitution is shown.

We the People of the United States ... do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Which basic principle of government is introduced in the Preamble?

- (A) federalism
- (B) limited government
- (C) popular sovereignty
- (D) checks and balances

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A local, abandoned factory has been demolished and the land has been prepared for redevelopment. People disagree about what should replace the old factory on the vacant lot. Some propose a plan to construct a building combining apartments with ground-floor retail, and others want to build a large park. The final resolution featured a smaller building with a small park.

Which kind of solution does this outcome represent?

- ☐ (A) arbitration
- ☒ (B) compromise
- ☐ (C) judge's orders
- ☐ (D) consensus building

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The 14th Amendment has had an important effect on constitutional government in the United States.

Identify whether each condition applied to constitutional government in the United States before or after the ratification of the 14th Amendment.

- A. Place "Before" next to the conditions that reflect the situation before this amendment was ratified.
- B. Place "After" next to the conditions that reflect the situation after this amendment was ratified.
- You may use each label more than once, or not at all.

Before  
After

14th Amendment Relations

- The Supreme Court ruled that under the Constitution, African Americans are not citizens.
- Citizens enjoyed protection from state infringement against their rights.
- African Americans were counted fully when apportioning seats in the House of Representatives.

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During the debate over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, Federalists and Anti-Federalists disagreed about many issues, including the need for a strong central government and the need for a bill of rights.

Explain the Federalist perspective and the Anti-Federalist perspective on both the need for a strong central government and the need for a bill of rights.

Type your answer in the space provided.

**B I U I<sub>x</sub>**

Federalist - Believe that the federal government needed to be stronger so it could adequately regulate both foreign and domestic trade as well as raise money through taxation to pay the debts of the federal government.

Anti-Federalists were concerned with the federal government having too much power at the expense of personal freedoms therefore they wanted a clear declaration of individual rights.