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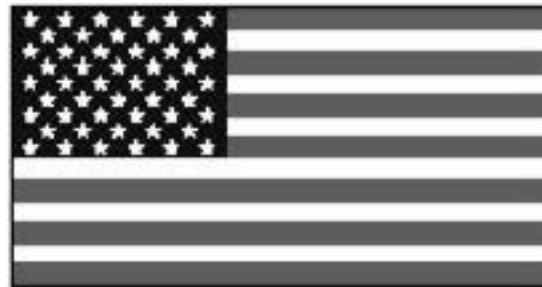
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1. Why was the Declaration of Independence important to the colonists?
  - a. Established critical trade treaties with the European countries
  - b. Stated that if a government abuses human rights, people should be free to create a new government
  - c. Provided military protection for smaller South American countries
  - d. Created a government similar to the one in England

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Declaration of Independence

2. What does the term unalienable rights mean?
  - a. To cancel
  - b. Opinion that is formed based on facts
  - c. To change from one belief to another
  - d. Rights that cannot be taken away
  
3. Which signer of the Declaration of Independence is known for the following quote?
 

*“We must indeed all hand together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately.”*

  - a. Richard Henry Lee
  - b. George Wythe
  - c. Ben Franklin
  - d. Benjamin Harrison
  
4. What impact did the pledge to adopt a Bill of Rights have on the passage of the new Constitution?
  - a. Convinced some states to ratify the document
  - b. Stopped trade with England
  - c. Made a military alliance with Mexico
  - d. Demonstrated the need for financial assistance from England

Three Branches of Government		
Executive Branch President	Judicial Branch Supreme Court and other federal courts	?

5. Which branch of the United States government is missing from the chart?
  - a. Religious Branch
  - b. Educational Branch
  - c. Legislative Branch
  - d. Financial Branch

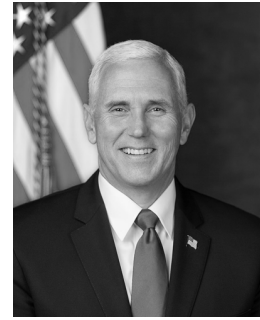
6. Who has the power to interpret laws?
- a. President
  - b. Supreme Court
  - c. Senate
  - d. House of Representatives
7. After the Declaration of Independence was adopted, the Continental Congress began debating a plan for a national government called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Articles of Confederation
  - b. Mayflower Compact
  - c. Albany Plan of Union
  - d. Magna Carta
8. What event in 1786 demonstrated to the young nation that a stronger central government was needed?
- a. Raid at Harper's Ferry
  - b. Stono Rebellion
  - c. Boston Tea Party
  - d. Shay's Rebellion
9. Who was selected from among the delegates to be the leader of the Constitutional Convention?
- a. John Hancock
  - b. Samuel Adams
  - c. Thomas Jefferson
  - d. George Washington
10. Which delegate to the Constitutional Convention fits the following description?

Youngest delegate to the Constitutional Convention  
 Contributed immensely to the final draft of the document  
 Worked for ratification of the Constitution in South Carolina

- a. Charles Pinckney
  - b. Rufus King
  - c. John Blair
  - d. Hugh Williamson
11. What title best completes the following chart?
- |                    |               |          |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|
| ?                  |               |          |
| Alexander Hamilton | James Madison | John Jay |
- a. Ambassadors to France
  - b. Authors of The Federalist Papers
  - c. Organizers of the Sons of Liberty
  - d. Authors of Common Sense
12. Which Founding Father served on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence?
- a. Francis Lightfoot Lee
  - b. Thomas Lynch
  - c. John Adams
  - d. Oliver Wolcott
13. What type of responsibilities does a citizen have to their government and community such as serving on juries and defending your country when called upon?
- a. Civic responsibilities
  - b. Civil rights
  - c. Personal responsibilities
  - d. Leadership duties

14. Who is the individual pictured to the right currently serving the United States as Vice President?

- a. John Roberts
- b. Scott Pruitt
- c. Mike Pence
- d. Mitch McConnell



15. \_\_\_\_\_ is the United States Secretary of Commerce.

- a. James Mattis
- b. Wilbur Ross
- c. Steven Mnuchin
- d. Mick Mulvaney

16. Which cabinet post is charged with the following responsibilities?

Responsible for overall foreign policy of the United States  
Protects United States citizens traveling in foreign countries  
Supervises the Foreign Service of the United States

- a. Secretary of Commerce
- b. Secretary of Energy
- c. Secretary of Education
- d. Secretary of State

17. When did the Second Continental Congress adopt the Declaration of Independence?

- a. July 4, 1776
- b. March 2, 1836
- c. June 19, 1865
- d. October 19, 1781

18. How many colonies had representatives that signed the Declaration of Independence?

- a. 12
- b. 13
- c. 48
- d. 50

19. Which section of the Declaration of Independence completes the following chart?

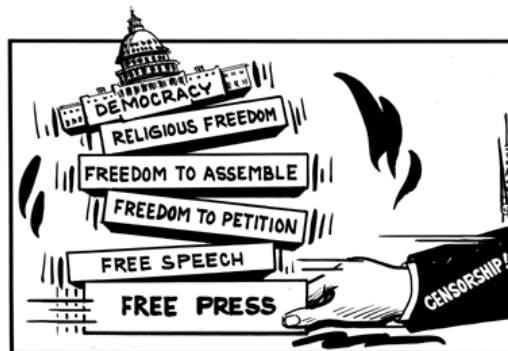
Declaration of Independence

Preamble  
?  
Tyrannical Acts of the British King  
Efforts of the Colonies to Avoid Separation  
The Colonies Are Declared Free and Independent

- a. Legislative
- b. Legal Arguments
- c. Conclusion
- d. The Right of the People to Control Their Government

“We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union”  
United States Constitution

20. Why did the authors of the Constitution feel this sentiment needed to be included in the document?
- a. Safeguard the country against attack
  - b. Contribute to the happiness and well-being of all the people
  - c. Create a nation in which the states work together
  - d. Make sure future citizens remain free
21. The best example of how the United States government has fulfilled the goal of “establish justice” set forth in the Constitution is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Navy
  - b. Commission on Civil Rights
  - c. Jury system
  - d. U.S. coins
22. Which Amendment to the United States Constitution is depicted in the cartoon?



- a. Second
  - b. First
  - c. Fifth
  - d. Third
23. According to the Supreme Court, metal detectors at airports are not a violation of the \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment.
- a. Fourth
  - b. Seventh
  - c. Eighth
  - d. First

“You have the right to remain silent.”

“Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.”

“You have the right to an attorney.”

24. These rights are guaranteed to a person under which Amendment?
- a. 9
  - b. 8
  - c. 7
  - d. 5

25. Where was the home of the world's first democratic constitution?
- Alexandria
  - Athens
  - Sparta
  - Jerusalem
26. What are the Twelve Tables?
- Set requirements for future trade treaties
  - Warned European nations against interfering with the affairs of countries in the Americas
  - Basic religious obligations of Islam
  - Foundation of Roman law
27. In a democracy, what are the benefits and protections guaranteed to citizens by law?
- Responsibilities
  - Freedoms
  - Rights
  - Agreements
28. A major responsibility of democratic citizenship is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Voting
  - Right to own property
  - Freedom of speech
  - Protection against unlawful searches and seizures
29. Which philosopher believed that government should serve mankind and protect them and their freedom?
- Confucius
  - Socrates
  - John Locke
  - Buddha
30. \_\_\_\_\_ is the way of life of a group of people who share similar beliefs and customs.
- Geography
  - Culture
  - Region
  - Place
31. Which group studies how societies came to be what they are today?
- Sociologists
  - Philosophers
  - Human geographers
  - Historians

32. What type of government finishes the chart?

Types of Governments	
Limited	?
Example-Democracy	Example- Dictatorship

- Unlimited
  - Traditional
  - Monotheism
  - Corporations
33. Which economic system is sometimes called a "free enterprise system"?
- Cottage
  - Market
  - Mixed
  - Command

34. The University of Texas, Texas A&M and Baylor are considered to be what type of institutions?
- a. Religious
  - b. Government
  - c. Financial
  - d. Educational

35. Who is responsible for the following duties?

Suggests new laws  
Has veto power  
Appoints many state officials

- a. Senators
  - b. Speaker of the House
  - c. Governor
  - d. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
36. How many members does the Texas Senate have?
- a. 31
  - b. 45
  - c. 150
  - d. 254

37. Who was the first African American woman from the South to be elected to the United States Congress?
- a. Henrietta King
  - b. Barbara Jordan
  - c. Jane Cazneau
  - d. Katherine Stinson



38. \_\_\_\_\_ was a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas from 2004-2013.
- a. David Dewhurst
  - b. Mark White
  - c. Wallace Jefferson
  - d. Ross Perot

39. Who serves as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas?
- a. Nathan Hecht
  - b. Mary Lou Keel
  - c. Eva Guzman
  - d. Sharon Keller

40. Which person began serving as Attorney General of Texas in January 2015?
- a. Wayne Christian
  - b. Phil Johnson
  - c. Kevin Yeary
  - d. Ken Paxton



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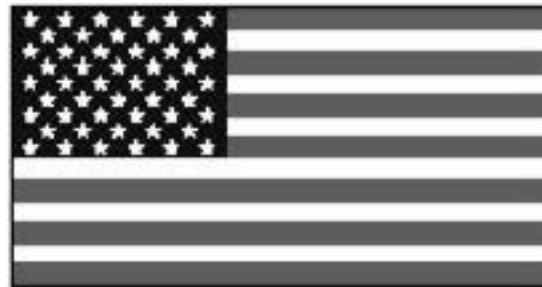
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1. What principle of government is illustrated in the following chart?

Texas Government		
Legislative Makes laws	Executive Enforces laws	Judicial Interprets the laws

- a. Limited government
- b. Separation of powers
- c. Republicanism
- d. Federalism

“Humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God, the people of the State of Texas, do ordain and establish this Constitution...” Texas Constitution of 1876

2. How does the Preamble to the Texas Constitution reflect the principle of popular sovereignty?
- a. Churches are the sole source of power for the government
  - b. Governor has supreme power over the government
  - c. The state government is to be held superior to the federal government
  - d. The people of the State of Texas are clearly the source of power for the government
3. Which branch of the government contains the Senate and House of Representatives?
- a. Judicial
  - b. Executive
  - c. Legislative
  - d. Religious
4. Who performs the following duties?

Presents a budget to the Legislature  
Appoints members to some boards and commissions  
Helps set policies for colleges and universities

- a. Governor
  - b. Attorney General
  - c. Comptroller of Public Accounts
  - d. Agricultural Commissioner
5. How does the State of Texas pay for the services it offers?
- a. Stocks and bonds
  - b. Donations
  - c. Mutual funds
  - d. Taxes and fees

6. What is the largest expense in the Texas budget?
- a. Education
  - b. Regulatory services
  - c. Judicial system
  - d. General provisions
7. Which President of the Republic of Texas faced the following difficulties?

Mexican government refused to recognize Texas's independence  
Financial problems  
Native Americans resented the growing number of settlers invading their territory

- a. Edward Burluson
  - b. Sam Houston
  - c. Peter Grayson
  - d. John Allen
8. \_\_\_\_\_ was a Native American leader who refused an order by President Lamar to lead the Cherokees out of Texas.
- a. Quanah Parker
  - b. Satanta
  - c. Chief Bowles
  - d. Sitting Bull
9. Which Texas city protested the sale of the state's Navy?
- a. Galveston
  - b. Brownsville
  - b. Houston
  - d. Nacogdoches
10. How did Jose Antonio Navarro help shape the early history of Texas?
- a. Commanded the Texas Navy
  - b. Only Texas-born delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1845
  - c. Built a new town near Harrisburg, named Houston
  - d. Served as Secretary of State under Sam Houston
11. Where did President Lamar send General Hugh McLeod and a force of 270 men in an attempt to gain control over their lucrative trail and further develop the trade links between Texas and New Mexico?
- a. Tucson
  - b. Bent's Fort
  - c. Santa Fe
  - d. San Miguel
12. Who was the candidate for President of the United States in 1844 that supported the annexation of Texas?
- a. Martin Van Buren
  - b. William Henry Harrison
  - c. Henry Clay
  - d. James K. Polk

13. The United States Congress approved a joint resolution on February 26, 1845, agreeing to accept Texas as the twenty-eighth state. What is a joint resolution?
- The transfer of land from one country to another
  - Limited the possible uses for each piece of property in a city
  - A formal ruling passed by both houses of the legislature and intended to become law
  - Rule by an army instead of the usual civil authorities
14. How do Texans decide who will lead our towns, state and country?
- Serving on juries
  - Getting out and voting
  - Obeying rules and laws
  - Paying taxes
15. Organizations that work together to influence lawmakers are called \_\_\_\_\_.
- Commissions
  - Trustee
  - Delegates
  - Special interest groups

16. Who is the elected official pictured to the right?
- Dan Patrick
  - Kevin Yeary
  - Bert Richardson
  - Scott Walker



17. The Preamble to the Constitution of the Republic of Texas is similar to the Preamble to the Constitution of what country?
- Mexico
  - Spain
  - United States
  - France

18. Which position in the new government of the Republic of Texas required the following qualifications?

Attained the age of 25 years  
 Citizen of the Republic  
 Shall have resided in the county or district 6 months preceding the election

- Senate
  - House of Representatives
  - Supreme Court Justice
  - President
19. How long was the term of a member of the Senate in the Republic of Texas?
- 3 years
  - 2 years
  - 1 year
  - 4 years

20. Who was to serve as the President of the Senate in the Republic of Texas?
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
  - Pope
  - Oldest member of the Senate
  - Vice President of the Republic
21. In the Republic of Texas, the Executive authority of this Government shall be vested in a chief magistrate, who shall be styled \_\_\_\_\_.
- President pro tempore
  - Mayor of Austin
  - Sheriff
  - President of the Republic of Texas
22. Which official was appointed to each district of the Republic by Congress and whose duties, salary, perquisites and terms of office were fixed by law?
- |                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| a. District Attorney | c. Sheriff   |
| b. Clerk             | d. Constable |

Creation of Counties	
Petition of 100 free male inhabitants	?

23. What requirement finishes the chart on the creation of counties in the Republic?
- Shall be one acre
  - Shall contain 900 square miles
  - Shall contain 4428 acres
  - Shall contain 177 acres
24. According to Section 22 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Texas (1876), the following actions define the crime of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Levying war against it*  
*Adhering to its enemies*  
*Giving the enemy aid and comfort*
- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| a. Perjury | c. Treason |
| b. Libel   | d. Slander |
25. Which principle of the United States Constitution is closely related to the "rule of law"?
- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Limited government | c. Separation of powers |
| b. Individual rights  | d. Popular sovereignty  |

“Power should be a check to power”- Baron de Montesquieu, an 18<sup>th</sup> century French thinker

26. Montesquieu’s comment refers to what principle of government?  
a. Republicanism                      c. Federalism  
b. Checks and balances      d. Limited government
27. \_\_\_\_\_ helped establish the idea of self-government and majority rule in the colonies.  
a. Wilmot Proviso                      c. Mayflower Compact  
b. California Gold Rush      d. Crittenden Plan
28. How did the Puritans choose to govern their colony?  
a. Viceroyalty                      c. Assemblies  
b. As a royal colony              d. Town meetings
29. What title best finishes the following chart?

<u>Virginia Plan</u> The legislative branch would have two houses Both houses in the legislature would assign representatives according to state population or wealth	?	The Senate would give each state equal representation
<u>New Jersey Plan</u> The legislature would have one house Each state would have one vote in the legislature		House of Representatives would have representation according to state population

- a. New York Compromise      c. Georgia Compromise  
b. Great Compromise              d. Pennsylvania Compromise
30. Who proposed the Virginia Plan to the Constitutional Convention?  
a. Thomas Hooker                      c. Edmund Randolph  
b. Patrick Henry                      d. Alexander Hamilton
31. Which Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the following freedoms?

Freedom of Religion	Freedom of Speech	Freedom of Press
Freedom of Assembly	Freedom to Petition	

- a. Two                                      c. Six  
b. Four                                      d. First

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to the United States Constitution deals with the quartering of troops.

- a. Three
- b. Five
- c. Seven
- d. Ten

33. The following are examples of what type of responsibility?

Obeying rules and laws Serving on juries Paying taxes Defending your country when called upon
--

- a. Personal
- b. Civic
- c. Basic freedom
- d. Personal protection

34. In which Supreme Court case was freedom of speech the issue?

- a. Marbury v. Madison
- b. Plessy v. Ferguson
- c. Schenck v. United States
- d. Gibbons v. Ogden

35. What is a limited government?

- a. Type of government where, through law, some control is placed on leadership's powers
- b. Government in which leaders rule without any restrictions
- c. System of building foreign empires for military and trade advantages
- d. Political agreement between countries to support each other in disputes with other countries

36. \_\_\_\_\_ is a form of limited government.

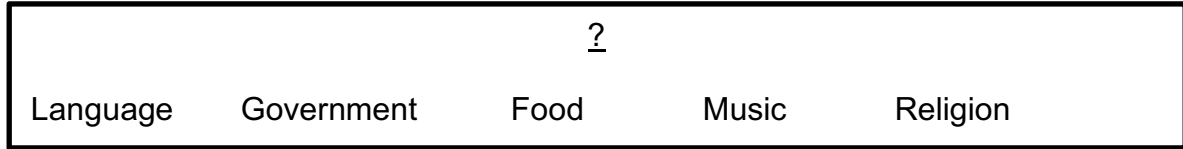
- a. Socialism
- b. Absolute monarchy
- c. Dictatorship
- d. Democracy

37. What is a direct democracy?

- a. Government in which a king or queen is the official head of state, but elected officials run the government
- b. People govern themselves by voting individually on issues
- c. Political and social system in which a lord gave land to a noble to work, govern, and defend, in return for the noble's loyalty
- d. Form of government in which one individual ruled as both religious leader and king



38. Which title best completes the diagram?



- a. Cooperative
- b. Dynasty
- c. Culture
- d. Philosophy

39. Our government, economic system and social system have been primarily influenced by the institutions and traditions of-

- a. Asia
- b. Africa
- c. South America
- d. Europe

40. What has been the greatest contributor to the United States being a leader in satellites, computers, health care and many other fields?

- a. Quality schools
- b. Large population
- c. Large oil deposits
- d. Moderate climate

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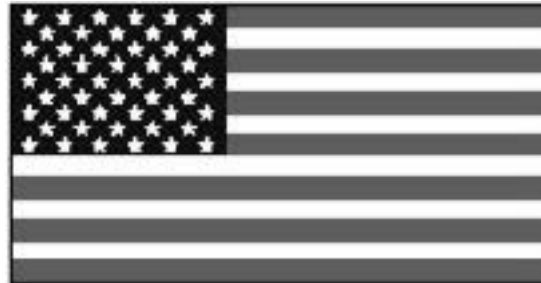
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Declaration of Independence

Rights of the American colonists            ?

1. What purpose of the Declaration of Independence is missing from the chart?
  - a. Need for a trade treaty
  - b. Reasons the colonists declared independence
  - c. Demonstrated military dominance in region
  - d. Set up a government for the colonies
  
2. Why was signing the Declaration of Independence dangerous?
  - a. Made colonists responsible for the costs of the war
  - b. Could make them unpopular with their political party
  - c. They could be considered traitors by King George III
  - d. Increased their wealth and social status

“There must be no pulling different ways. We must all hang together.”

3. Which signer of the Declaration of Independence is credited with this statement?
  - a. Matthew Thornton
  - b. Samuel Chase
  - c. Roger Sherman
  - d. John Hancock
  
4. Why was a Bill of Rights added to the United States Constitution?
  - a. It was added to guarantee freedoms by placing certain limits on government
  - b. It promised the King that the colonists would be loyal subjects
  - c. It encouraged the growth of the colonies through immigration from European countries
  - d. It was a promissory note to the King of England that the colonies would repay the costs of their creation and management
  
5. Which group pledged that Congress would add a Bill of Rights to the Constitution?
  - a. Federalists
  - b. Sons of Liberty
  - c. Antifederalists
  - d. Tea Party
  
6. What is the primary duty of the Executive Branch of the U. S. Government?
  - a. Decides what laws mean
  - b. Makes laws
  - c. Establishes religious practices
  - d. Enforces laws
  
7. Which body makes up the Legislative Branch of the U. S. Government?
  - a. Supreme Court
  - b. Congress
  - c. Pope
  - d. President



8. What title best completes the chart?
- Levels of Government
  - Agencies in the State Department
  - Branches of Government
  - Duties of the President
9. \_\_\_\_\_, created by the Continental Congress, outlined the form of government of the new United States.
- Albany Plan of Union
  - Articles of Confederation
  - Mayflower Compact
  - Magna Carta

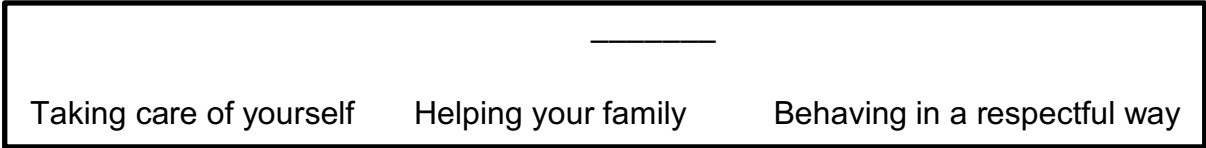
“The eyes of the United States are turned upon this assembly...God grant that we may be able to satisfy them by establishing a wise and just government.”

10. Which delegate to the Constitutional Convention set the tone for the convention with this quote but refused to sign the final document?
- Patrick Henry
  - William Blount
  - Robert Morris
  - George Mason
11. Who proposed the New Jersey plan to the Constitutional Convention as an alternative to the Virginia plan?
- William Paterson
  - Daniel Carroll
  - William Samuel Johnson
  - Nicholas Gilman

?

Thomas Jefferson  
Ben Franklin

12. Which Founding Father is missing from the list of authors of the Declaration of Independence?
- Francis Lightfoot Lee
  - Thomas Lynch
  - John Adams
  - Oliver Wolcott
13. Who was the author of the pamphlet *Common Sense*?
- Samuel Prescott
  - William Dawes
  - Thomas Paine
  - Mathew Brady



14. What title best finishes the chart?
- Civic Responsibilities
  - Leadership Duties
  - Civic Rights
  - Personal Responsibilities

15. Who was sworn in as United States Attorney General in February 2017?

- a. Jeff Sessions
- b. Elena Kagan
- c. Nikki Haley
- d. Elaine Chao

- **Ensures safe working conditions**
  - **Sets minimum wage**
  - **Protects pension rights**

16. Which department of the United States government is charged with the above duties?

- a. Department of Agriculture
- b. Department of Labor
- c. Department of Energy
- d. Department of the Interior

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees people the right to bear arms.

- a. Fourth
- b. Second
- c. Tenth
- d. Seventh

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment

No person shall be held to answer for a capital crime unless indicted by a Grand Jury

Nor shall any person be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense

Nor shall any person be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself

18. Which Amendment to the U.S. Constitution finishes the title of this chart?

- a. Second
- b. Eighth
- c. Fifth
- d. Ninth

19. People who protest against the death penalty say that it violates the \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment.

- a. 9
- b. 1
- c. 3
- d. 8

20. Which action, taken by the British government, caused one of the 27 offenses addressed in the Declaration of Independence?

- a. Quartering Act of 1765
- b. Dawes Act
- c. Anaconda Plan
- d. Embargo Act of 1807

21. Who was the representative from Massachusetts that served as the President of the Second Continental Congress?

- a. Elbridge Gerry
- b. Thomas Lynch
- c. John Hancock
- d. Charles Carroll

“He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States, for that purpose the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners”- Declaration of Independence

22. What is the definition of Naturalization?

- a. Housing or giving lodging to
- b. Land set aside by the U.S. government for Native American tribes
- c. Withdrawal
- d. Process of becoming a citizen

23. \_\_\_\_\_ is the best example of how the United States has been able to fulfill its goal to “ensure domestic tranquility”.

- a. National Guard
- b. U.S. coins
- c. Aid to the poor
- d. Interstate road system

- **He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers**
- **He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their salaries**
- **For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by jury**

24. What impact did these abuses by the King of England have on the writing of our Constitution?

- a. Wanted to promote the general welfare of its people
- b. Included the goal of establish justice
- c. Provided for the common defense of its citizens
- d. Required stricter trade laws

25. \_\_\_\_\_ has been called the “Cradle of Democracy”.

- a. Egypt
- b. Greece
- c. Spain
- d. Turkey

26. Which ancient civilization that started as a monarchy changed to a republic, a government where people choose their leaders?

- a. Sparta
- b. Russia
- c. Rome
- d. Mesopotamia

27. What was the foundation of Roman law?

- a. Five Pillars of Faith
- b. Monroe Doctrine
- c. Hammurabi’s Code
- d. Twelve Tables

28. \_\_\_\_\_ is an example of a right in the United States.

- a. Own property
- b. Freedom of speech
- c. Respect privacy of others
- d. Dayton Peace Accords

29. Which is NOT a responsibility of citizens in the United States?
- Freedom to assemble
  - Attend school so that we will be informed
  - Obey school rules and local laws
  - Serve in the military
30. What term is used to describe how a civilization spreads its knowledge and skills to others?
- Ethnocentrism
  - Cultural diffusion
  - Interdependence
  - Habitat
31. Why do people need a government?
- Careful use of resources so they are not wasted
  - Need a way to worship God
  - People need rules in order to live together without conflict
  - To put money into a business

### **Economic Systems**

- Traditional- People meet their needs on the basis of their culture
  - Command- Government makes all the decisions
  - Market- ?
  - Mixed- Combination of economies
32. Which definition finishes the above information?
- Advocates the elimination of private property
  - System of building foreign empires for military and trade advantages
  - Many businesses are owned and run by the government
  - Individuals determine for themselves what to produce, who will want it, how much to produce, and how much to charge
33. What is monotheism?
- Believing in more than one god
  - Belief that royalty ruled by the will of God
  - Religious journey to Makkah that Muslims are expected to make at least once during their lifetimes if they are able to do so
  - Belief in one supreme God
34. \_\_\_\_\_ is the act or process of gaining knowledge.
- Education
  - Government
  - Religion
  - Economy
35. Who selects the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Texas?
- Elected by the people of Texas
  - Chosen by members of that body
  - Appointed by the Governor
  - Selected by a blind draw of interested members



36. How many members are elected to the Texas Supreme Court?

- a. 3
- b. 4
- c. 9
- d. 10

- **General during the Texas Revolution**
- **First President of the Republic of Texas**
- **Governor of Texas from 1859- 1861**

37. Which Texas leader served in these positions?

- a. Mirabeau Lamar
- b. Stephen F. Austin
- c. Sam Houston
- d. Juan Seguin

38. Who was the first Mexican American from Texas to be elected to a seat in the United States Congress?

- a. Jovita Idar
- b. Juan Cabrillo
- c. Santos Benavides
- d. Henry B. Gonzales



39. \_\_\_\_\_ began serving as Governor of Texas in January 2015.

- a. Greg Abbott
- b. Bert Richardson
- c. Jeff Brown
- d. Scott Walker

40. The Presiding Judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas is-

- a. John Devine
- b. Sharon Keller
- c. Michael Keasler
- d. Barbara Parker Hervey

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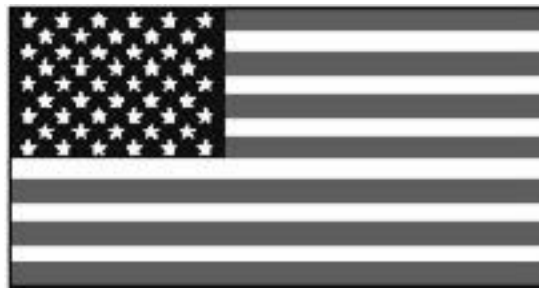
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| 17. B | 37. C |
| 18. C | 38. D |
| 19. D | 39. A |
| 20. A | 40. B |

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1. When Texas joined the United States, its people became subject to the Constitution of the United States, which is based on federalism. What is federalism?
  - a. Social reform movement based on improving society through the power of the government
  - b. Policy by which stronger nations extend their economic, political or military control over weaker nations or territories
  - c. System in which a central government shares power with state governments
  - d. Political system in which the king allows nobles the use of his land in exchange for their military service and their protection

**“The executive article provided for seven officers- governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, comptroller of public accounts, treasurer, commissioner of the land office, and attorney general. All except the secretary of state were to be elected by the voters for a term of two years but with no limitations on eligibility for new terms.” Handbook of Texas, Texas Constitution of 1876**

2. How does this article about the Texas Constitution reflect the principle of republicanism?
  - a. The ability of each branch of government to exercise checks, or controls, over the other branches
  - b. A personal liberty and privilege guaranteed to U.S. citizens by the Bill of Rights
  - c. A feeling of pride, loyalty, and protectiveness toward one’s country
  - d. The belief that government should be based on the consent of the people; people exercise their power by voting for political representatives

**State Government**

Legislative	Executive	Judicial
House, Senate	Governor	?
Makes the laws	Enforces the laws	Interprets the laws

3. What body finishes the above information?
  - a. Court system
  - b. School system
  - c. Speaker of the House
  - d. Mayors

Establishes a budget for the state Regulates traffic on state highways Decides on qualifications for Texas teachers
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4. Which branch of the Texas government performs these duties?
  - a. Judicial
  - b. Legislative
  - c. Religious
  - d. Executive
  
5. What is the largest source of tax revenue for the State of Texas?
  - a. Sales
  - b. Property
  - c. Titles
  - d. Licenses
  
6. How do local districts fund schools in Texas?
  - a. Stocks and bonds
  - b. Property taxes
  - c. Estate taxes
  - d. Endowment funds
  - Austin became the capital
  - Congress set aside over 220,000 acres for two universities
  - General Land Office created
  - Unsuccessful Santa Fe Expedition
  
7. Which President of the Republic of Texas faced these issues?
  - a. W.S. Peters
  - b. Stephen F. Austin
  - c. Mirabeau Lamar
  - d. Dr. Anson Jones
  
8. What organization served as a vital part of the defense and trading system of Texas?
  - a. Pony Express
  - b. Hood's Brigade
  - c. Merchant Marines
  - d. Navy
  
9. This Cherokee leader, \_\_\_\_\_, was attacked by General Kelsey Douglass's militia near the Neches River on July 16, 1839 and killed.
  - a. Quannah Parker
  - b. Satanta
  - c. Sitting Bull
  - d. Chief Bowles
  
10. What is "Star Money"?
  - a. Tax placed on imported or exported goods
  - b. Paper money, circulated during most of Houston's administration, used to pay government expenses
  - c. Crop produced for profit
  - d. Government order that stopped or hindered trade during Lamar's administration

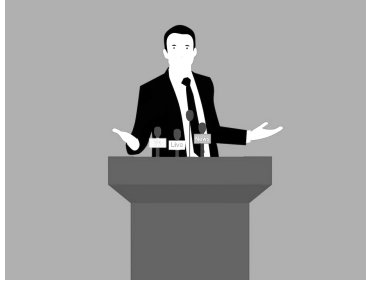
11. During annexation talks in 1845, which nation pressured the Mexican government to recognize the independence of Texas?
- a. Poland
  - b. Czechoslovakia
  - c. France
  - d. Russia
12. Who was the President of the Republic of Texas when Texas became the 28<sup>th</sup> state of the United States?
- a. Dr. Anson Jones
  - b. Isaac Van Zandt
  - c. Edward Burleson
  - d. Sam Houston
13. Trying to persuade legislators to pass or defeat certain laws is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Due process
  - b. Lobbying
  - c. Deregulation
  - d. Sovereignty
14. Why is it important to be informed about the people and issues on an election ballot?
- a. So qualified leaders may be elected
  - b. Leaders are going to pass what they want anyway
  - c. Dictatorships don't require an informed citizenry
  - d. Freedom of the press is not a constitutional right



15. \_\_\_\_\_ took office as the State of Texas Attorney General in January 2015.
- a. George P. Bush
  - b. Sid Miller
  - c. Wayne Christian
  - d. Ken Paxton
16. Who does NOT serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Texas?
- a. John Devine
  - b. Debra Lehrmann
  - c. Sharon Keller
  - d. Don Willett

“We, the People of Texas, in order to form a Government, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence and general welfare; and to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves, and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.” Constitution of the Republic of Texas

17. Where in the Republic of Texas Constitution is this quote?
- a. Article 1
  - b. Schedule
  - c. Preamble
  - d. General Provisions
18. When were the members of the Republic of Texas House of Representatives to be elected?
- a. Second Tuesday of November
  - b. First Monday of September
  - c. First Saturday in May
  - d. Third Monday of December
- **Attained the age of 30 years**
  - **Citizen of the Republic**
  - **Reside in district for which they are chosen at least one year before the election**
19. Which position in the Republic of Texas government needed to meet these qualifications?
- a. Member of House of Representatives
  - b. President
  - c. Supreme Court Justice
  - d. Senator
20. How many members of the Republic of Texas Senate did it require for a quorum to do its business?
- a. 2/3
  - b. Simple majority
  - c. 1/4
  - d. 3/4
21. No \_\_\_\_\_ shall be eligible to hold the office of the Executive of the Republic nor to a seat in the Congress.
- a. Minister
  - b. Lawyer
  - c. Teacher
  - d. Farmer



22. What right, according to the Constitution of the State of Texas, is being depicted in the cartoon?
- a. Right to own property
  - b. Freedom of speech
  - c. Ability to receive an education
  - d. Mandated medical insurance

“No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, retroactive law, or any law impairing the obligation of contracts shall be made.” Constitution of the State of Texas 1876

23. What is a bill of attainder?
- a. Land to settle on and farm
  - b. A written statement issued by a grand jury charging a person with a crime
  - c. A law that condemns a person without a trial in court
  - d. Income a government collects to cover expenses
24. According to the Constitution of the State of Texas, no person shall ever be imprisoned for \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Arson
  - b. Theft
  - c. Murder
  - d. Debt

	United States Constitution	
Republicanism	Separation of Powers	?
Popular Sovereignty	Federalism	Checks and Balances
Individual Rights		

25. Which principle of government finishes the chart?
- a. Neutrality
  - b. Nationalism
  - c. Containment
  - d. Limited government
26. What political writer deeply influenced the Framers with the idea of popular sovereignty?
- a. Karl Marx
  - b. Voltaire
  - c. John Locke
  - d. Henry Clay



27. Where in the United States Constitution do we find a guarantee of our individual rights?

- a. Article 2
- b. Bill of Rights
- c. Article 5
- d. Article 10

28. \_\_\_\_\_, created in 1619, became the first representative assembly in the American colonies.

- a. House of Burgesses
- b. Duma
- c. House of Commons
- d. House of Lords

29. Which colony is the only one not founded for religious reasons?

- a. Georgia
- b. Massachusetts
- c. Maryland
- d. Rhode Island

30. Who proposed the New Jersey Plan to the Constitutional Convention as an alternative to the Virginia Plan?

- a. John Dickinson
- b. William Paterson
- c. Thomas Jefferson
- d. Robert Morris

31. How did the Constitutional Convention reach a compromise on the issue of slavery?

- a. Banned slavery in the North
- b. Allowed it in only certain states
- c. Total ban after 1808
- d. It did not outlaw slavery and decided no law could be made until 1808

- A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

32. This right is guaranteed to the people in which Amendment to the United States Constitution?

- a. Fourth
- b. Fifth
- c. Second
- d. First

“You have the right to remain silent.”

“Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.”

“You have the right to an attorney.”

33. Which Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees a person these rights?

- a. Third
- b. Seventh
- c. Fifth
- d. Tenth

- **“The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”**
34. What Amendment to the United States Constitution protects these rights of the people?
- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| a. First | c. Eighth |
| b. Sixth | d. Ninth  |
35. One of the most important responsibilities of a U. S. citizen is \_\_\_\_\_.
- |           |                                 |  |                      |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| a. Voting | b. Freedom of peaceful assembly | c. Freedom to petition the government for change | d. Freedom of speech |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
36. Who helped the colonists move toward gaining a new right, freedom of press, by printing a criticism of the governor of New York?
- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Andrew Jackson    | c. James Wolfe        |
| b. John Peter Zenger | d. Alexander Hamilton |
37. What type of government does the United States have?
- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Dictatorship      | c. Representative democracy |
| b. Absolute monarchy | d. Constitutional monarchy  |
38. Which is NOT a usual custom or belief of people who live in the United States?
- |                          |                      |                      |   |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| a. Free public education | b. Nose rub greeting | c. Freedom of speech | d. Right to practice the religion of their choosing |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
39. What is an issue that faces developing nations?
- |                         |                    |                 |                     |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| a. Increased population | b. Not enough jobs | c. Poor schools | d. All of the above |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
40. Which economic system is sometimes called a “free enterprise system”?
- |            |                |
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| a. Market  | c. Traditional |
| b. Command | d. Cottage     |

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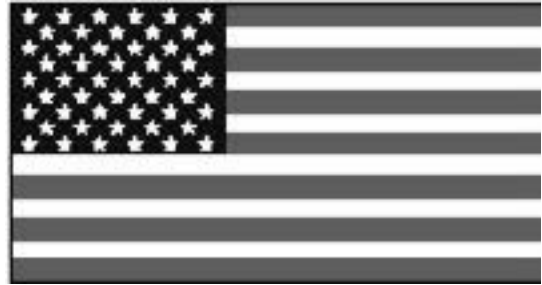
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1. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?
  - a. The colonies demonstrated a need for new trade treaties with England and France
  - b. It explained why it was time for the American colonies to establish a government of their own
  - c. Growth of the colonies showed their ability to be a dominant military power in the Americas
  - d. Showed loyalty to the English Crown

Imposing taxes on us without our consent For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us
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2. Why were these actions by the King of England listed in the Declaration of Independence?
  - a. List of good deeds done for the colonies
  - b. Corrections that colonists needed to make in order to keep their charters
  - c. Problems facing England
  - d. They were injuries against the colonies
3. What portion of the United States Constitution is called the Bill of Rights?
  - a. Article Five
  - b. Preamble
  - c. First ten amendments
  - d. Article Three
4. Why is the Bill of Rights so important to the American government?
  - a. It guarantees certain rights and personal freedoms to the citizens
  - b. It promises to repay the debt owed to the King of England for management of the colonies
  - c. It encourages trade with neighboring countries
  - d. It provides military strength for the Americas
5. Who is the leader of the executive branch of the United States government?
  - a. Chief Justice
  - b. President
  - c. Pope
  - d. Speaker of the House

6. What is the primary duty of the judicial branch of the United States government?
- a. Makes the laws
  - b. Enforces the laws
  - c. Decides what the laws mean
  - d. Establishes religious practices

?	
Could not pass laws to collect taxes	Inflation
Confusion with money from state to state	No court system
Inability to trade with other countries	No executive branch

7. Which title best completes the chart?
- a. Problems in England
  - b. Difficulties with Mexico
  - c. Worries of South America
  - d. Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
8. \_\_\_\_\_ was a revolt in 1786 by Massachusetts farmers against high state taxes.
- a. Shay's Rebellion
  - b. Boston Tea Party
  - c. Raid at Harper's Ferry
  - d. Stono Rebellion
9. Whose day-to-day notes are considered to be the most complete record of the Constitutional Convention?
- a. James Madison
  - b. Sam Houston
  - c. Alexander Hamilton
  - d. John Peter Zenger
10. Which delegate to the Constitutional Convention presented the Virginia Plan, a proposal that Congress be given greater power over the states and that large states have more representatives in Congress than small states?
- a. Thomas Mifflin
  - b. Edmund Randolph
  - c. George Clymer
  - d. Jared Ingersol

George Washington
Virginia planter
Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Army
?

11. What position best completes the chart on George Washington?
- a. Author of *Common Sense*
  - b. First Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
  - c. President of the Constitutional Convention
  - d. Wrote the Preamble to the United States Constitution

“I know not what others may choose but, as for me, give me liberty or give me death.”

12. Which Founding Father, that was an attorney, planter and orator, was well known for this declaration?

- a. Thomas Edison
- b. John Paul Jones
- c. Benjamin Singleton
- d. Patrick Henry

13. How can you as a middle school student be a good citizen?

- a. Vote
- b. Serve on a jury
- c. Join the military
- d. Write to your elected officials about issues that concern you

14. What is one of the most important civic responsibilities of a citizen?

- a. Taking care of yourself
- b. Helping your family
- c. Voting
- d. Behaving in a respectful way



15. Who serves the United States government as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

- a. John Roberts
- b. Sandra Day O’Conner
- c. John Paul Stevens
- d. David Souter

16. Which cabinet position is charged with overseeing the legal affairs of this country?

- a. Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- b. Attorney General
- c. Secretary of Homeland Security
- d. Secretary of Energy

“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness:” Declaration of Independence

17. What are unalienable Rights?

- a. Negotiated
- b. Conditional
- c. Unable to be taken away
- d. Temporary

Preamble

The Right of the People to Control Their Government

?

Efforts of the Colonies to Avoid Separation

The Colonies Are Declared Free and Independent

18. Which part of the Declaration of Independence is missing?

- a. Bill of Rights
- b. Tyrannical Acts of the British King
- c. Laws, Rules and Orders
- d. Reasons for Voyage

19. What offense, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, gave rise to the cry of “No Taxation without Representation” from the colonists?

- a. Imposing taxes on us without our consent
- b. Cutting off our trade with all parts of the world
- c. For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury
- d. He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us

20. To establish justice was set forth as a goal of the United States Constitution to\_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Create a nation in which the states work together
- b. Safeguard the country against attack
- c. Make sure future citizens remain free
- d. Make laws and set up courts that are fair

21. What is an example of how this nation is fulfilling its goal to “secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity” as set forth in the Preamble to the United States Constitution?

- a. Safety in the workplace
- b. Interstate road network
- c. Commission on Civil Rights
- d. Court system



- Freedom of Religion
- Freedom of Speech
- Freedom of Press
- Freedom of Assembly
- Freedom to Petition

22. Which Amendment to the United States Constitution provides for these freedoms?

- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| a. First  | c. Third |
| b. Eighth | d. Ninth |

“In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right to trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.”

23. The Seventh Amendment deals with trials by jury in civil cases. What does the term common law mean?

- a. Granted nationality
- b. Required procedure
- c. Reducing
- d. A system of law developed in England, based on customs and previous court decisions

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment to the United States Constitution gives the states reserved powers.

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|-----------|-----------|
| a. Second | c. Fourth |
| b. Sixth  | d. Tenth  |

25. Where is the best example we have of a democratic city-state?

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|---------------|-----------|
| a. Alexandria | c. Athens |
| b. Sparta     | d. Persia |

26. \_\_\_\_\_ was the foundation of Roman law.

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Monroe Doctrine | c. Hammurabi’s Code      |
| b. Twelve Tables   | d. Five Pillars of Faith |

27. In a democracy, what are duties that you owe to your fellow citizens to make sure that the government continues?

- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| a. Responsibilities | c. Rights     |
| b. Freedoms         | d. Agreements |

28. Where did a system slowly develop of shared power and responsibilities?

- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| a. Russia | c. Mexico  |
| b. Panama | d. Britain |

29. What makes a democracy a limited government?
- a. No laws or rules exist to limit what the ruler can or cannot do
  - b. Power is inherited
  - c. System of building foreign empires for military and trade advantages
  - d. Constitutions, statements of rights or other laws set limits on how much power government officials have so that they cannot take advantage of people
30. The different ways people and nations go about meeting their daily needs is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Government
  - b. Type of religion
  - c. Economic system
  - d. Educational plan
31. What system is sometimes called a “free enterprise system”?
- a. Command
  - b. Market
  - c. Traditional
  - d. Mixed
32. Which religion is NOT one of the world’s three largest monotheistic religions?
- a. Hinduism
  - b. Christianity
  - c. Judaism
  - d. Islam
33. \_\_\_\_\_ heavily influenced our government, economic system and social systems through its institutions and traditions.
- a. Europe
  - b. Africa
  - c. Asia
  - d. South America
34. Where do most young children in the United States receive an education?
- a. Conservatories
  - b. Public school
  - c. Tutors
  - d. Wall Street

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Legislative	Executive	Judicial
Senate, House of Representatives	Governor	Supreme Court

35. What title best completes the chart?

- a. United States Government
- b. Religious Hierarchy
- c. Branches of the United Nations
- d. Texas State Government

36. Which branch of government makes sure that laws are enforced?

- a. Judicial
- b. Legislative
- c. Executive
- d. Religious

37. Who heads the Texas Senate?

- a. Speaker of the House
- b. Superintendent
- c. Lieutenant Governor
- d. Commissioner

38. \_\_\_\_\_ was the keynote speaker at the 1988 Democratic National Convention and was the 45<sup>th</sup> Governor of Texas.

- a. Miriam Ferguson
- b. Ann Richards
- c. Sally Ride
- d. Jody Conrad

- Speaker of the House
- Majority Leader to Congress
- Chairman of the National Democratic Convention

39. Which Texas politician served in these roles?

- a. Sam Rayburn
- b. Ben Milam
- c. Winfield Scott
- d. Henry Cisneros



40. Who began serving as Texas Lieutenant Governor in 2015?

- a. Joe Strauss
- b. Kirk Watson
- c. Royce West
- d. Dan Patrick

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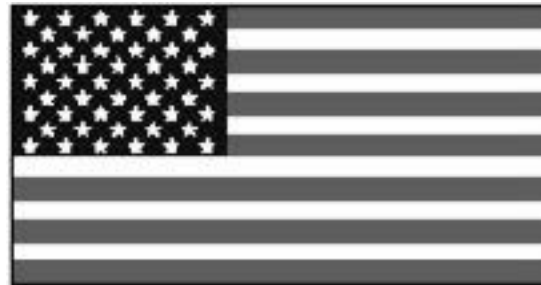
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The Governor can veto a law, but the legislature can override the veto with a two-thirds majority.

1. Which principle of government is illustrated in this example from the Texas Constitution?
  - a. Individual rights
  - b. Checks and balances
  - c. Limited government
  - d. Federalism
  
2. Where in the Texas Constitution does it reflect the principle of popular sovereignty?
  - a. Article 1 Bill of Rights
  - b. Article 2 The Powers of Government
  - c. Article 4 Executive Department
  - d. Preamble
  
3. What function does the legislative branch of the Texas government serve?
  - a. Makes the laws
  - b. Interprets the laws
  - c. Enforces the laws
  - d. Educates the citizens

Civil suits  
Divorce cases  
Election appeals

4. Which branch of the Texas government performs these duties?
  - a. Legislative
  - b. Executive
  - c. Judicial
  - d. Religious
  
5. What is the second largest source of revenue for the State of Texas?
  - a. Mutual funds
  - b. Lottery
  - c. Stocks and bonds
  - d. Federal funds
  
6. How are cities in Texas able to pay for the services they provide?
  - a. Property and sales taxes
  - b. Tolls
  - c. Donations
  - d. Endowment funds

Captain in the Texas Rangers  
Military officer during the Republic of Texas  
Served in several armed conflicts from 1836-1848

7. Who was the military leader that served in these positions?
- a. Adrian Woll
  - b. Green DeWitt
  - c. Jack Coffee Hays
  - d. Bose Ikard
8. What meeting, to discuss peace negotiations between soldiers and officials of the Republic of Texas and a delegation of Comanche chiefs in San Antonio in March of 1840, became a lopsided fight?
- a. Archives War
  - b. Council House Fight
  - c. Grass Fight
  - d. Battle of Plum Creek

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Wasted money that Texas did not have  
Increased tensions with Mexico  
Resulted in the loss of lives  
Citizens refused to become part of Texas

9. Which title best completes the list?
- a. Long Expedition
  - b. Santa Fe Expedition
  - c. Gutierrez-Magee Expedition
  - d. Ramon-St. Denis Expedition
10. \_\_\_\_\_, during his term as President of the Republic of Texas, wanted to clear Texas of all Native Americans to provide more land for Anglo Texans.
- a. Sam Houston
  - b. David G. Burnet
  - c. Isaac Van Zandt
  - d. Mirabeau Lamar
11. What nation offered to recognize the independence of Texas if the Texas Congress would reject annexation to the United States?
- a. Mexico
  - b. Ireland
  - c. Germany
  - d. France

“The final act in this great drama is now performed. The Republic of Texas is no more.”

12. Which President of the Republic of Texas spoke these words at the ceremony for the annexation of Texas?
- a. James Hogg
  - b. Lorenzo de Zavala
  - c. Dr. Anson Jones
  - d. Stephen F. Austin

13. What action can ordinary citizens take to respond to environmental issues our state faces?
- a. Increase lawn watering
  - b. Allow more cars on the roads
  - c. More use of mass transit
  - d. Increase oil supplies
14. Which action is a civic duty of a citizen?
- a. Pay taxes
  - b. Know right from wrong
  - c. Help your family
  - d. Behave in a respectful way



15. \_\_\_\_\_ has served as the Commissioner of the General Land Office.
- a. Sid Miller
  - b. David Newll
  - c. Dan Patrick
  - d. George P. Bush
16. Who does NOT serve as a Judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals?
- a. Barbara Hervey
  - b. Phil Johnson
  - c. Mary Lou Keel
  - d. Michael Keasler
17. How long was the term of a member of the House of Representatives during the Republic of Texas?
- a. Two years
  - b. Four years
  - c. Three years
  - d. One year
18. Which body of the government during the Republic of Texas had the sole power to try impeachments?
- a. House of Representatives
  - b. Senate
  - c. President
  - d. Supreme Court
19. If in an election for the office of President of the Republic of Texas a tie existed, who was to determine the winner?
- a. House of Representatives
  - b. Supreme Court
  - c. Senate
  - d. Mayor of Austin



20. Nothing but \_\_\_\_\_ shall be made a lawful tender of the Republic of Texas.
- a. Diamonds
  - b. Paper
  - c. Gold and silver
  - d. Copper

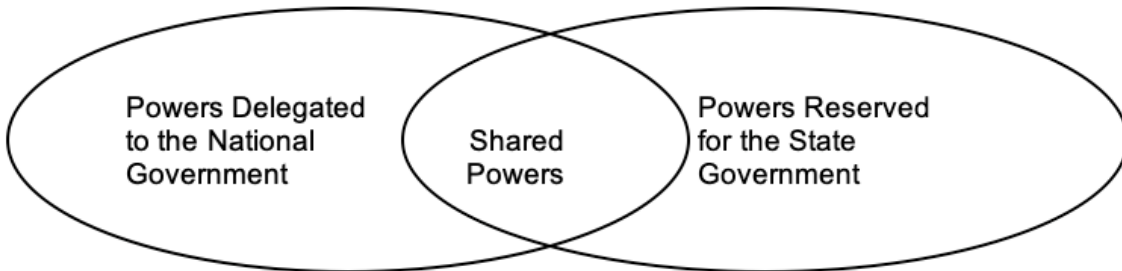
21. Who elected the judges of the supreme and district courts during the Republic of Texas?
- a. President
  - b. Congress
  - c. People
  - d. Pope

Commander-in-chief of the army and navy  
 Grant pardons and reprieves  
 Remit fines and forfeitures  
 Give information on the state of the Republic

22. Which official, during the Republic of Texas, performed these duties?
- a. Vice President
  - b. Supreme Court judge
  - c. President pro tempore
  - d. President

23. During the time of the Republic of Texas, every head of the family was entitled to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. A third of one league of land
  - b. 40 acres and a mule
  - c. One league and labor of land
  - d. One acre

24. What is NOT ever to be required as a qualification to hold any office in the State of Texas?
- a. Religious test
  - b. Age
  - c. Residence requirement
  - d. Citizenship



25. Which principle of government is illustrated in the diagram?
- a. Federalism
  - b. Checks and balances
  - c. Republicanism
  - d. Nationalism

26. How did the Framers of the United States Constitution avoid the problem of too much power falling into the hands of a single group?
- a. Limited government
  - b. Individual rights
  - c. Separation of powers
  - d. Popular sovereignty

27. What is the Mayflower Compact?
- A law that established a plan for surveying and selling the federally owned lands west of the Appalachian Mountains
  - An agreement for the sake of order established by men who had sailed to America, called for laws for the good of the colony and set forth the idea of self-government
  - Law offered 160 acres of land to anyone who agreed to live on and improve the land for five years
  - The United States asked nations involved in Asia to follow a policy in which no one country controlled trade with China
28. The Great Compromise has also been referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- New York Compromise
  - Pennsylvania Compromise
  - Georgia Compromise
  - Connecticut Compromise
29. What is the Three-Fifths Compromise?
- Made it illegal for corporations to gain control of industries by forming trusts
  - Series of laws enacted to maintain the balance of power between the slave states and free states
  - Agreement that resolved an 1876 election dispute
  - The Constitutional Convention's agreement to count a proportion of a state's slaves as population for purposes of representation and taxation
30. Throughout the United States, school officials claim the authority to search student lockers. Students often claim this violates which Amendment to the United States Constitution?
- Ninth
  - Fourth
  - Second
  - Sixth
31. The Third Amendment to the United States Constitution deals with the quartering of troops. What is quartering?
- A method of punishment
  - Money paid by arrested persons to guarantee they will return for trial
  - Given a place to stay
  - Revolt against authority

Nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb  
Nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself  
Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation

32. Which Amendment to the United States Constitution protects these rights of a person?
- a. Fifth
  - b. Seventh
  - c. First
  - d. Eighth
33. What was the first major challenge to the authority of the federal government?
- a. Whiskey Rebellion
  - b. Glorious Revolution
  - c. Doctrine of Nullification
  - d. Stono Rebellion
34. Why is obeying the law an important responsibility of citizens?
- a. To gain an economic advantage
  - b. Create chaos
  - c. For their protection
  - d. Feeling of superiority
35. How can governments set limits on how much power government officials have so they cannot take advantage of the people?
- a. Globalization
  - b. Constitutions
  - c. Castes
  - d. Philosophy
36. Which type of government is an unlimited government?
- a. Democracy
  - b. Direct democracy
  - c. Constitutional monarchy
  - d. Dictatorships
37. Who makes the laws that people need in order to live together without conflict?
- a. Teachers
  - b. Business leaders
  - c. Neighbors
  - d. Governments
38. An economic system is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Act or process of gaining knowledge
  - b. The different ways people and nations go about meeting their daily needs
  - c. Information that comes from an eye witness
  - d. Individual feature of the land

39. What is religion?

- a. Group of people in charge of or ruling or managing a country
- b. The way a country produces, divides up, and uses its money and goods
- c. Belief in or worship of God, or gods
- d. The study of Earth's land and how people use it

40. Which country did not allow girls to go to school because of their strict religious laws?

- a. Afghanistan
- b. Switzerland
- c. Canada
- d. France

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