

**1. With so many talented political leaders involved in the United States at the time, why was George Washington chosen as the first president?**

<http://www.allabouthistory.org/why-was-george-washington-the-first-president-faq.htm>

**2. Look at a copy of the Articles of Confederation.**

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/articles.html>

*What did you notice?*

**3. Go back to the Articles of Confederation to answer the next questions.**

**When were the Articles of Confederation ratified?**

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/articles.html>

**What was a weakness of the Articles of Confederation?**

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/documents/articles/index.html>

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/makingoftheconstitution1.htm>

**4. Use the following site to compare the Articles of Confederation to the Constitution.**

<http://www.usconstitution.net/constconart.html>

	<b>Article of Confederation</b>	<b>Constitution</b>
Formal Name of Country		
Votes for Each State		
How were members of Congress paid?		
What was considered the executive branch?		
What was required for ratification?		
Term limits for members		

## The Constitution of the United States of America

1. What is a preamble?
2. Who wrote the Preamble to the Constitution?  
[http://www.usconstitution.net/constfaq\\_con.html](http://www.usconstitution.net/constfaq_con.html)
3. Is the Preamble considered a law? [http://www.usconstitution.net/constfaq\\_con.html](http://www.usconstitution.net/constfaq_con.html)
4. What branch does Article 1 define?  
See: [Article 1](#)
5. How many houses of Congress are there?  
See: [Article 1 Section 1](#)
6. How old do you have to be to be a Representative?

See: [Article 1 Section 2](#)

7. How long must you have been a citizen to be a Representative?

See: [Article 1 Section 2](#)

8. How long is a Representative's term of office?

See: [Article 1 Section 2](#)

9. How is a vacancy in a seat in the House of Representatives filled?

See: [Article 1 Section 2](#)

10. How old do you have to be to be a Senator?

See: [Article 1 Section 3](#)

11. How long must you have been a citizen to be a Senator?

See: [Article 1 Section 3](#)

12. How long is a Senator's term of office?

See: [Article 1 Section 3](#)

13. How is a vacancy in a seat in the Senate filled?

See: [Amendment 17](#)

14. How many Senators does each state have?

See: [Article 1 Section 3](#)

15. What role does the Vice President serve in the Senate?

See: [Article 1 Section 3](#)

16. When is the only time that the Vice President can vote in the Senate?

See: [Article 1 Section 3](#)

17. How often does Congress have to meet?

See: [Article 1 Section 4](#)

18. Which is the only house of Congress that can propose a bill for raising revenue?  
See: [Article 1 Section 7](#)
  
19. What are some of the powers the states cannot have?  
See: [Article 1 Section 10](#)
  
20. What branch does Article 2 define?  
See: [Article 2](#)
  
21. How old do you have to be to be President?  
See: [Article 2 Section 1](#)
  
22. How long must you have been a citizen to be President?  
See: [Article 2 Section 1](#)
  
23. How long is a President's term of office?  
See: [Article 2 Section 1](#)
  
24. Who negotiates treaties and who approves them?  
See: [Article 2 Section 2](#)
  
25. Who is Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy?  
See: [Article 2 Section 2](#)
  
26. How often is the President required to present a state of the union address to Congress?  
See: [Article 2 Section 3](#)
  
27. What branch does Article 3 define?  
See: [Article 3](#)

28. How old do you have to be to be a judge?  
See: [Article 3 Section 1](#)
  29. How long must you have been a citizen to be a judge?  
See: [Article 3 Section 1](#)
  30. How long is a judge's term of office?  
See: [Article 3 Section 1](#)
  31. What is the constitutional definition of treason?  
See: [Article 3 Section 3](#)
  32. How much of the Congress has to pass a constitutional amendment?  
See: [Article 5](#)
  33. How many states have to ask for an amendment convention?  
See: [Article 5](#)
  34. How many states have to ratify an amendment?  
See: [Article 5](#)
  35. How many articles are there in the Constitution?  
See: [The Table of Contents](#)
  36. What are the first ten amendments otherwise known as?  
See: [The Amendments](#)
  37. How many amendments to the Constitution have there been?  
See: [The Table of Contents](#)
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