**U.S. Constitution Breakdown**

**Please translate the following parts of the U.S. Constitution. One sentence per answer, please.**

**Constitution Articles: Main Idea**

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| 1. “All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.” | **Legislative Branch (lawmaking) created with a U.S. House and Senate (bicameral legislature).** |
| II. “The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years (vice president too).” | **Executive Branch created with a president to enforce the laws for four years at a time.** |
| III. “The judicial Power of the United States shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.” | **Judicial Branch created with a Supreme Court to interpret (judge) the laws.** |
| IV. “Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State…The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities … in the several States…New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union …” | **States have to respect other states’ laws. If a person moves from one state to another, he/she has the same rights.** |
| V. “The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments.” | **With a two-thirds vote in Congress or by the states, amendments to the Constitution may be proposed.** |
| VI. “All Debts contracted… shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation…no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office…” | **The U.S. still owes money from the Articles of Confederation, and anyone of any religious background may serve in office.** |
| 1. **(VII)** “The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.” | **Nine of the 13 states are needed to ratify (approve) the U.S. Constitution.** |

**U.S. Constitution-Bill of Rights**

**Please translate the following Bill of Rights (First 10 amendments).**

**Amendments Main Idea**

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| “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” (First) | **People are allowed free speech, peaceful assembly, free religion, and others.** |
| “A well regulated milita…(and) the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” (Second) | **People may build an army (states) and legally own guns.** |
| “No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner.” (Third) | **Homeowners do not have to house soldiers.** |
| “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated.” (Fourth) | **Law enforcement may not search someone’s property without a warrant or probable cause.** |
| “No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime … nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself.” (Fifth) | **A person does not have to testify against him/herself nor go to trial twice for the same crime.** |
| “In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state.” (Sixth) | **Everyone is allowed to have a fair and speedy trial with a jury.** |
| “In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved.” (Seventh) | **In high-dollar lawsuits, a jury is permitted.** |
| “Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.” (Eighth) | **No one should have cruel and unusual punishments for their crimes.** |
| “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.” (Ninth) | **People are still guaranteed rights that are not listed in the Constitution.** |
| “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.” (Tenth) | **Powers not guaranteed by the Constitution go to the states.** |