**U.S. Constitution-Government Study Guide**

**Please answer the following questions. These will either be on the test or there will be similar questions that require critical thinking and application. Use the back if necessary.**

1. What was the first set of laws the U.S. created? Why did it not succeed? Please use examples.

2. Compare the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution in terms of federal (central) government powers.

3. What is the connection between Shays’ Rebellion and the creation of the U.S. Constitution?

4. What were involved in Articles 1 (I), 2 (II), and 3 (III) of the U.S. Constitution? What were their responsibilities?

5. What was the Great Compromise (Connecticut Plan)? Who created it, and what it involve?

6. What are separation of powers and checks and balances?

7. Why were the Anti-Federalists against the U.S. Constitution? What did they want added in order to approve it?

8. What were the Federalist Papers trying to achieve? Who were some of the authors?

9. Explain the Hillsborough and Fayetteville Conventions and their outcomes regarding the U.S. Constitution.

10. How was the North Carolina Declaration of Rights, the state’s first constitution (1776) an example of democracy?

11. Describe how a bill becomes a law. (Use back if necessary)

12. Who was North Carolina’s first state governor? Who was the first U.S. president (post-Constitution)? How many Representatives in the House? How many U.S. Senators are there? How many Supreme Court justices are there?

13. What is ‘bicameral’ legislature, and what is the U.S. example of this?

14. What is the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution called? Plus, wrote them and what were the first eight amendments (summarize)?