

**Thoroughly respond to the following questions. Write in complete sentences on lined paper. (5 points each)**

**ANSWER ONLY QUESTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**A.** I've given you two metaphors to help you understand the organization of the U.S. government (a three-ring circus and a tricycle). Now think of your own metaphor. In other words, complete the sentence, "The organization of the U.S. government reminds me of \_\_\_\_\_." Once you've decided what metaphor to use:

- \_\_\_\_\_ draw a picture of it
- \_\_\_\_\_ label your picture using the words below, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ write a paragraph or more explaining why you labeled it the way you did.

<b>WORDS TO USE:</b>	executive	judicial	legislative
checks and balances	the people	the Constitution	separation of powers

**B.** Explain the organization of the U.S. government by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ making a concept web using the words given below, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ writing a paragraph or more explaining why you set it up the way you did.

<b>WORDS TO USE:</b>	executive	judicial	legislative
House of Representatives	Senate	Supreme Court	President
cabinet	makes laws	enforces laws	reviews laws

**C.** Choose TWO of the amendments in the Bill of Rights and explain their history. In other words, why do they exist? What motivated the framers to include them? For each amendment you choose:

- \_\_\_\_\_ give the amendment's number;
- \_\_\_\_\_ describe, in your own words, what right(s) this amendment gives you;
- \_\_\_\_\_ tell why this amendment was important to the early Americans (why they included it in the Bill of Rights).

**D.** Consider the Bill of Rights. Of the first EIGHT of those ten amendments to the Constitution, which THREE do you feel are most important? Remember, you can't choose amendment 9 or 10. For each amendment you do choose:

- \_\_\_\_\_ give the amendment's number;
- \_\_\_\_\_ describe, in your own words, what right(s) this amendment gives you;
- \_\_\_\_\_ tell why these rights are important to you;
- \_\_\_\_\_ give an example of what could happen to you if you did not have these rights.

**E.** The five Constitutional principles are all important ideas found in the United States Constitution. In your opinion, which of the five is the most important? Why do you think this? Be sure to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ fully define/explain the principle you choose,
- \_\_\_\_\_ explain why it was important to the writers of the Constitution back in 1787, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ give multiple reasons why you believe it is the most important today.