

The Constitution and its Amendments
Things to Know

- You will be given the words to the Preamble of the Constitution. Knowing that...
 - What are the goals of the Constitution?
 - What do the goals say in SIMPLE language?
 - Where does the authority / power of the Constitution come from?
- What are the five principles of the Constitution? What does each mean?
- What are the three branches of government? Who makes up each? What is the main responsibility of each?
- What are checks and balances? Give some examples of checks each branch has on the others.
- Look at the Venn diagram about federalism on p.200 in your text.
 - What are some powers that only the national government has?
 - What are some powers that only the state governments have?
 - What are some powers that both the state and national governments have?
- Define: amend, judicial review, treason, ratify
- What are the four ways the Constitution can be amended? Be able to use a diagram to answer this.
- How many amendments have been made to the Constitution? When was the most recent one made?
- What is the Bill of Rights? When was it written? Why was it written?
- List and explain each of the first ten amendments to the Constitution.

Use the table below to help you plan your studying.

Some of you MUST write practice answers to the written response questions to submit on Friday the 16th. Mrs. G will review these and return them to you on Monday. All of you CAN do this if you'd like.

Mrs. G is offering a lunchtime study session on Monday, Dec. 19th. Bring your food and your questions!

DATE	<u>SPECIFIC STUDY ACTIVITY</u>	PARENT VERIFICATION
Wednesday, Dec. 14		
Thursday, Dec. 15		
Friday, Dec. 16		
Saturday, Dec. 17		
Sunday, Dec. 18		
Monday, Dec. 19		
Tuesday, Dec. 20	Test Day!	*****