Extra Credit Constitution Questions

Due by April 12 at 9:30 am
Students enrolled in the on-campus course bring your questions and answers to class.
Students in online course, post your answers in the drop box.

1. What event in Massachusetts during 1786-87 led to the Constitutional Convention, and why?

2. How were deputies to the Constitutional Convention chosen?

3. Which state did not send deputies?

4. Where and when did the deputies to the Constitutional Convention assemble?

5. From what classes of society were the members of the Constitutional Convention drawn?

6. Who presided over the Constitutional Convention, and who was called the “Father of the Constitution?”

7. Describe the Virginia Plan.

8. Describe the New Jersey Plan.


10. Article I of the Constitution deals with which branch of government?

11. Who elects members of the House of Representatives? How long is their term in office to last?

12. Who elects US Senators? How long is their term in office to last?

13. “All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the . . . .”
14. In Article I, Section 8, the framers of the Constitution enumerated powers of Congress and then added an elastic clause. What is the elastic clause?

15. Where in Article I did the framers restrict the powers of the states?

16. Article II deals with which branch of government?

17. “Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of [Presidential] Electors, equal to . . . .”

18. In Article II, Section II, what powers are bestowed upon the President?

19. “The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for . . . . “

20. Article III deals with what branch of government?

21. Describe the Amendment processes discussed in Article V.

22. How does Article VI make the Constitution and Federal law supreme?

23. Though the framers of the Constitution did not mention the institution of slavery or those suffering under it by name, they did deal with it in three sneaky passages. Where are they, and what do they say?

24. In ratifying the Constitution, did the people vote directly?

25. The vote of how many States was necessary to ratify the Constitution?

26. What party names were given to those who favored ratification and to those who opposed it?