## Take a quiz!



## U.S. GOVERNMENT

How does it work?


## 1. Which statements are true?

- The U.S. is a republic.
- Washington, D.C., is a state.
- Guam is a federal district.
- Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory.
- Everyone in the U.S. government is elected.



## 1. Answers:

- The U.S. is a republic.
-Washingten, D.C. is a state. (It's a federal district.)
-Guam is a federal district.
(It's a U.S. territory.)
- Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory.
-Everyone in the U.S. government is elected. (Some are appointed.)



## 2. Fill in the missing words.

- There are three branches of government, which creates a separation of $\qquad$ .
- No branch can become too strong because there is a system of $\qquad$ and balances.



## 2. Answers:

- There are three branches of government, which creates a separation of powers.
- No branch can become too strong because there is a system of checks and balances.



## 3. What explains the separation of powers?

- The U.S. Supreme Court
- The U.S. Constitution
- The U.S. Congress



## 3. Answer:

-The U.S. Constitution


## 4. The U.S. Constitution has been in effect since what year?

-1776
-1789
-1869


## 4. Answer:

-1789


## 5. Match the branch of government to its main job.



- Makes the laws


## - Carries out the laws

- Interprets the laws


## 5. Answers:



## - Makes the laws

## - Carries out the laws

- Interprets the laws


## 6. What are the two chambers of Congress?

- (Upper chamber)

The $\qquad$

- (Lower chamber)

The House of


## 6. Answers:

-(Upper chamber) The Senate
-(Lower chamber)
The House of Representatives


## 7. How many justices are on the U.S. Supreme Court?

-3

- 5
$\cdot 7$
'9
- 12



## 7. Answer:

-There are 9 justices:
1 Chief Justice and
8 Associate Justices


## 8. Why is the U.S. President also called the Commander-in-Chief?



## 8. Answer:

-The President is also the
Commander-in-Chief of the U.S Armed Forces. S/he heads the military.


## 9. Which branch can declare war?

9. Answer:

The legislative branch. Only Congress can declare war.



Teresa, 31


Thomas, 24


Maddison, 26


Arun, 37
10. Based on age alone, who is eligible to be a U.S. Representative, a U.S. Senator, or the U.S. President?


Teresa, 31


Thomas, 24


Maddison, 26


Arun, 37
10. Answers: Thomas is too young for any of the offices. Only Arun can run for President (35+). Teresa and Arun are old enough to be Senators (30+). Maddison is old enough to serve as U.S. Representative (25+).

11. The abbreviation for the President of the United States is POTUS. What is the abbreviation for the Supreme Court of the United States?

11. Answer: SCOTUS
13. How long does a Supreme Court justice serve?

- Up to 2 four-year terms
- Unlimited six-year terms
- For one's lifetime



## 13. Answer:

- For one's lifetime. It's a lifetime appointment.



## 14. How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have?

-10


## 14. Answer:

- 27 amendments



## 15. Why was the Bill of Rights written?

- To guarantee individual rights
- To protect states' rights
- To limit the power of the federal (national) government
- All of the above



## 15. Answer:

- To guarantee individual rights
- To protect states' rights
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- All of the above



## 16. How many U.S. Senators are there?

- 50
- 100
- It depends on each state's population.



## 16. Answer:

- 100

Each state has two Senators.

17. What's the maximum number of years someone can serve as the President of the United States?


- 4
- 8
- Unlimited


## 17. Answer:



## - 8

The President can be reelected and serve two terms. Each term is four years.


## 18. What group of people advise the President?


18. Answer: The Members of the Cabinet

