

# INTERMEDIATE LEVEL U.S. CONSTITUTION LESSON ANSWER KEY

## Creating a New Government

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## Supreme Law of the Land

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3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words? **We the People**
4. What is an amendment?
  - **a change (to the Constitution)**
  - **an addition (to the Constitution)**
5. How many amendments does the Constitution have? **twenty-seven (27)**
6. What is the “rule of law”?
  - **Everyone must follow the law.**
  - **Leaders must obey the law.**
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  - **No one is above the law.**

## The Bill of Rights

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Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution? **the Bill of Rights**
  2. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
    - **speech**
    - **religion**
    - **assembly**
    - **press**
    - **petition the government**
  3. What is freedom of religion? **You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.**
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## Balancing Power

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Working with a partner, read the list of powers below. Decide whether the power is a federal one or a state one. Then write it in the correct column.

print money	:	create an army	:	provide protection (police)
give a driver's license	:	provide schooling and	:	declare war
provide safety	:	education	:	approve zoning and land use
(fire departments)	:	make treaties	:	

### Federal Powers

- **print money**
- **create an army**
- **make treaties**
- **declare war**

### State Powers

- **give a driver's license**
- **provide safety (fire departments)**
- **provide schooling and education**
- **provide protection (police)**
- **approve zoning and land use**

Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
  - **checks and balances**
  - **separation of powers**
2. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
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**Review—U.S. Constitution**

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Think about what you have studied in this lesson. Unscramble the letters for each word or phrase. Then copy the letters from each numbered box to the boxes in the new phrase at the bottom.

*Hint: The clues might be one word or more than one word.*

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## Civics Test Questions—U.S. Constitution

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