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***The Preamble****:*

Where does **power** come from (first three words)?

What are the **specific goals** of this government?

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**Constitution Scavenger Hunt**

*“Power should be a check to power”*

*Read over the Constitution of the United States of America.*

*Find answers to the following questions. State the answers in your own words and identify the section and clause where the answer can be found.*

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| **Article I: Legislative Branch** | **Section # and Clause #** |
| What is this branch called?  How many houses?  What are those houses called? |  |
| How often are members of the **House of Representatives** elected (or re-elected)? |  |
| How many **representatives** does each state get (in each house)? How is this determined? |  |
| How were **Senators originally** selected? How many senators does each state get?  (What **amendment** changed this? What year was the amendment passed)? |  |
| Where do bills that **raise money** have to **originate**? |  |
| How does a **bill become a law**?  What happens if a president vetoes a law? |  |
| ***The powers of Congress: Identify the clause and section that give congress the following powers:*** | **Section and Clause #** |
| Create and collect taxes |  |
| Borrow money for the US government |  |
| Regulate trade with foreign nations |  |
| Regulate trade between states |  |
| Determine a path to citizenship |  |
| Create laws on Bankruptcy |  |
| Create a national currency |  |
| Protect intellectual property and copyrights |  |
| Declare War |  |
| *“To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for the carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all other powers vested by the constitution in the government of the United States…”* (The Necessary and Proper [elastic] Clause) |  |
| ***Limits on Congressional Power:*** |  |
| Congress cannot outlaw the importation of slaves until 1808 |  |
| Congress cannot deny the privilege of ***Habeas Corpus*** (unless there is a rebellion or invasion) |  |
| No direct taxes (until modified by the \_\_\_ Amendment in 19\_\_) |  |
| No spending money without the approval of Congress (“The power of the purse”) |  |
| No titles of nobility will be granted by the US government |  |
| ***Article I, Section 10: Powers denied to the States. Summarize the things that states cannot do under the Constitution*** |  |
|  | Section 10, Clause 1 |
|  | Section 10, Clause 2 |

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| **Article II: The Executive Branch** | **Section and clause #s** |
| How is the president elected (the Electoral College)? |  |
| Who is **eligible** to be the head of the Executive branch? |  |
| What oath does the president have to swear? (What should he promise to preserve, protect, and defend?) Write the oath. |  |
| What **specific powers** does the Executive have? |  |
| The president can **negotiate** treaties. Who has to **ratify treaties** for them to become official? |  |

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| **Article III: The Judicial Branch** | Section and clause #s |
| How long do Supreme Court judges serve? |  |
| What is treason? |  |

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| **Article IV: The States** | **Section and Clause #s** |
| Do states have to recognize each other’s’ laws? |  |
| Can state governments discriminate against members of other states? |  |
| Can any state government become a mini-dictatorship? |  |

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| **The Other Articles V-VII** | **Article, Section, and Clause #s** |
| How can the Constitution be changed (Amended)? |  |
| What happens to **debts** that the US government incurred before creating the Constitution? |  |
| What has Supremacy, state or federal laws? |  |
| Can the government disqualify someone because he believes in **Marduk**? |  |