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**The Constitution- Structure and Principals**

*Use the “America” textbook (pages 254-257) to complete the following information.*

**Structure of the Constitution (Parts):**

What are the three main parts of the US Constitution?

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Preamble:** In the chart below, explain each of the six basic goals outlined in the Preamble of the Constitution.

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| **Goals** | **Explanation and/or Illustrations** |
| To form a more perfect union: |  |
| To establish justice: |  |
| To ensure domestic tranquility: |  |
| To provide for the common defense: |  |
| To promote the general welfare: |  |
| To secure the blessings of liberty: |  |

**Articles:**

The main body of the Constitution is divided into seven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Together, they establish the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for American government.

The first three articles describe the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Article 4 deals with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Article 5 provides a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Article 6 states that the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Article 7 sets up a procedure for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Amendments:**

The amendments are formal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that have been made to the Constitution. In more than 200 years, only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changes (amendments) have been made, and the first 10 are known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Principles of the Constitution:**

The Constitution rests on 7 basic principles. Define, explain or illustrate each principle below.

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| **Principles** | **Explanation and/or Illustrations** |
| Popular Sovereignty |  |
| Limited Government |  |
| Separation of Powers |  |
| Checks and Balances |  |
| Federalism |  |
| Republicanism |  |
| Individual Rights |  |

**Breaking Down the Three Branches**

(Use pp. 256-263 in the *America* textbook)

***What does each branch of the Federal Government do?***

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| **Article i** | **Article II** | **Article III** |
| **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch**  | **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch**  | **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch**  |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Laws | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Laws | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Laws |
| ***Who works for this Branch?***\_\_\_\_\_ Senators (\_\_\_ per state) \_\_\_\_\_ Representatives (based on a state’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) | ***Who works for this Branch?*** | ***Who works for this Branch?*** \_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other federal judges |
| responsibilities | responsibilities | responsibilities |
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***What are “Checks and Balances” and how does each branch watch over the other two?***

In the chart below, list examples of how the branches check the powers of the others.

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| Legislative Branch | Checks Executive Branch by:1.2. 3.  | Checks Judicial Branch by:1. 2. 3.  |
| Executive Branch | Checks the Legislative Branch by:1. 2. 3.  | Checks the Judicial Branch by:1. 2.3. |
| Judicial Branch | Checks the Executive Branch by:1. | Checks the Legislative Branch by: 1. |