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***Comparing Constitutions***

**VIDEO VIEWING GUIDE #1**

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**Comparing the U.S. and Florida Constitutions Video #1**

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| **Question** | **List Specific Evidence from the Video** | **Complete Sentence** |
| **1.** What is the Supreme Law of the Land?  |  |  |
| **2.** What are four things that the U.S. Constitution does?  |  |  |
| **3.** What are the 3 purposes of a constitution?  |  |  |
| **4.** What are three ways that the structure of U.S. Constitution and the Florida Constitution are similar? |  |  |
| **5.** What is a preamble? |  |  |
| **6.** Why do both the U.S. Constitution and the Florida Constitution begin with ‘We the People’? |  |  |
| **7.** What is an article? |  |  |
| **8.** What is an amendment?  |  |  |
| **9.** Where will we find the rights of Florida citizens in the Florida Constitution? |  |  |
| **10.** What is the Supremacy Clause?  |  |  |

  

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**VIDEO VIEWING GUIDE #2**

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**The Amendment Process Video #2**

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| **Question** | **List Specific Evidence from the Video** | **Complete Sentence** |
| **1.** What does it mean to ‘amend’ a constitution? |  |  |
| **2.** What are the two ways an amendment can be proposed for the U.S. Constitution? |  |  |
| **3.** What are the two ways an amendment to the U.S. Constitution can be ratified? |  |  |
| **4.** Based on what you have learned, who is involved in the U.S. Constitution’s amendment process? |  |  |
| **5.** Who must agree to amend the Florida Constitution? |  |  |
| **6.** Why do both the U.S. Constitution and the Florida Constitution begin with ‘We the People’? |  |  |
| **7.** Explain the five different ways an amendment gets on the ballot in Florida. |
| **7a.** Constitutional Revision Commission |  |  |
| **7b.** Taxation and Budget Reform Commission |  |  |
| **7c.** Constitutional Convention |  |  |
| **7d.** Ballot Initiative Process |  |  |
| **7e.** The Florida Legislature |  |  |
| **8.** How are amendments to Florida’s constitution ratified? |  |  |

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**Reading: Purposes of a Constitution**

**Benchmark Clarification 1:** Students will identify the purposes of a constitution (provides a framework for government, limits government authority, protects the rights of the people).

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| **Reading Task** | **Response** |
| What ideas are presented in the reading? |  |
| What is the central idea of the reading? |  |
| Select two words or phrases that support the central idea. |  |
| How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before? |  |
| What is the purpose of a constitution? | The purpose of a constitution is to: |

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**Reading: Structure of the U.S. and Florida Constitutions**

**Benchmark Clarification 2:** Students will recognize the basic outline of the U.S. and Florida constitutions (both have articles, amendments, and preambles).

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| **Reading Task** | **Response** |
| What ideas are presented in the reading? (use other side if necessary) |  |
| What is the central idea of the reading? |  |
| Select two words or phrases that support the central idea. |  |
| How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before? |  |
| Describe three ways the U.S. and Florida Constitutions are the same, and three ways they are different. | Similarities1.  |
| 2.  |
| 3.  |
| Differences 1.  |
| 2.  |
| 3.  |

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**READING GUIDE #3**

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**Reading: Comparing Amendment Processes**

**Benchmark Clarification 3:** Students will compare the amendment process of the U.S. and Florida constitutions.

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| **Reading Task** | **Response** |
| What ideas are presented in the reading? |  |
| What is the central idea of the reading? |  |
| Select two words or phrases that support the central idea. |  |
| How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before? |  |
| Which constitution is probably more difficult to amend, the Florida or U.S., and why? | The most difficult constitution to amend is probably the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because:  |

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**READING GUIDE #4**

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**Reading: Supreme Law of the Land**

**Benchmark Clarification 4:** Students will compare the amendment process of the U.S. and Florida constitutions.

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| **Reading Task** | **Response** |
| What ideas are presented in the reading? |  |
| What is the central idea of the reading? |  |
| Select two words or phrases that support the central idea. |  |
| How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before? |  |
| What do we mean when we say the U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land? | When we say the U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land, we mean that:  |

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**VOCABULARY PRACTICE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Write about your understanding of **the purpose of a constitution** by explaining the connections between and among each of the terms in the concept circle.

How do the terms in the concept circle fit together?



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**PRACTICE QUIZ**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 **Comparing Constitutions Practice Quiz Reflection**

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| **FIRST Attempt Score** | **I answered \_\_\_\_\_\_ questions right.**  |
| **One thing I learned:** |  |

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| **SECOND Attempt Score** | **I answered \_\_\_\_\_\_ questions right.**  |
| **One thing I learned:** |  |