



The Legislative Branch

Step 1. Reading

Read Section 9.3 and answer the questions below:

1. What is the main job performed by the legislative branch?
2. What does *bicameral* mean?
3. What are proposals for new laws called?

Step 2. Constitution Question Cards

Get a set of Legislative Branch cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.3 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

Answer

Article/Section

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| 1. _____
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The Executive Branch

Step 1. Reading

Read Section 9.4 and answer the questions below:

1. What is the main job performed by the executive branch?

2. What does the president promise to defend when he takes the oath of office?

3. What do cabinet members do?

Step 2. Constitution Question Cards

Get a set of Executive Branch cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.4 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Article/Section</i>
7. _____ _____	_____
8. _____ _____	_____
9. _____ _____	_____
10. _____ _____	_____
11. _____ _____	_____
12. _____ _____	_____



The Judicial Branch

Step 1. Reading

Read Section 9.5 and answer the questions below:

1. What is the main job performed by the judicial branch?
2. What different types of courts make up the judicial branch?
3. What is meant by the term *judicial review*?

Step 2. Constitution Question Cards

Get a set of Judicial Branch cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.5 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

Answer	Article/Section
13. _____ _____	_____
14. _____ _____	_____
15. _____ _____	_____
16. _____ _____	_____



Checks and Balances

Step 1. Reading

Read Section 9.6 and answer the questions below:

1. What does the term *checks and balances* mean?

2. Why did the framers feel the need to include checks and balances in the Constitution?

Step 2. Constitution Question Cards

Get a set of Checks and Balances cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.6 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Article/Section</i>
17. _____ _____	_____
18. _____ _____	_____
19. _____ _____	_____
20. _____ _____	_____
21. _____ _____	_____
22. _____ _____	_____



The Amendment Process

Step 1. Reading

Read Section 9.7 and answer the questions below:

1. Why did the framers make it possible to change the Constitution?
2. What are two pieces of evidence that prove that amending the Constitution is “difficult”?

Step 2. Constitution Question Cards

Get a set of Amendment Process cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.7 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Article/Section</i>
23. _____ _____	_____
24. _____ _____	_____
25. _____ _____	_____
26. _____ _____	_____



The Federal System

Step 1. Reading

Read Section 9.8 and answer the questions below:

1. Why did the framers create a federal system of government in which power is shared between the national and state governments?

2. What is *federalism*, and why do you think it has caused controversy during our nation's history?

Step 2. Constitution Question Cards

Get a set of Federal System cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.8 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Article/Section</i>
27. _____ _____	_____
28. _____ _____	_____
29. _____ _____	_____
30. _____ _____	_____



PROCESSING 9

The United States Constitution is the oldest living constitution in existence and has been a model for democratic institutions around the world. Why has the Constitution been so successful? Write a persuasive essay that completes the following statement:

The Constitution works because....

Your essay must

- include all of the following terms: *three branches of government, executive, legislative, judicial, checks and balances, federalism, and amendment process.*
- contain at least five paragraphs: one introductory paragraph with a well-defined thesis, three or more body paragraphs, each with strong topic sentences and convincing supporting examples and evidence, and a concluding paragraph.
- be free of grammatical and spelling errors.
- contain at least 500 words.

Outline for Persuasive Essay

The Constitution works because...

Introduction

Thesis

Body Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence:

Details:

Body Paragraph 2

Topic Sentence:

Details:

Body Paragraph 3

Topic Sentence:

Details:

Conclusion