



Historical Interpretation of the Constitution - Quiz

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Q1. What event in 1786 highlighted the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

- A. The Boston Tea Party
- B. Shay's Rebellion
- C. The Declaration of Independence
- D. The Louisiana Purchase

Q2. Which branch of government is responsible for making laws?

- A. Executive Branch
- B. Judicial Branch
- C. Legislative Branch
- D. Military Branch

Q3. What was the main purpose of the Bill of Rights?

- A. To establish a national currency
- B. To protect individual liberties
- C. To create a standing army
- D. To regulate interstate commerce

Q4. Which amendment protects against unreasonable searches and seizures?

- A. First Amendment
- B. Second Amendment
- C. Fourth Amendment
- D. Tenth Amendment

Q5. What was the original application of the Bill of Rights limited to?

- A. State governments
- B. The federal government
- C. Local governments
- D. International treaties

Q6. Which principle allows both federal and state governments to exercise certain powers, such as taxation?

- A. Enumerated Powers
- B. Reserved Powers
- C. Concurrent Powers
- D. Exclusive Powers

Q7. Who were the supporters of the Constitution during the ratification debates?

- A. Anti-Federalists
- B. Loyalists
- C. Federalists
- D. Democrats

Q8. What was the main concern of the Anti-Federalists regarding the Constitution?

- A. Lack of a Bill of Rights
- B. Too much power to the states
- C. Weak federal government
- D. Excessive taxation

Q9. Which event was a catalyst for the Constitutional Convention of 1787?

- A. The War of 1812
- B. The Civil War
- C. Shay's Rebellion
- D. The Gold Rush

Q10. What is the term for interpreting the Constitution based on the framers' original intent?

- A. Living Constitution
- B. Judicial Activism
- C. Originalism
- D. Federalism

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: C
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: C
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: C
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: C
10. Q10: C