



# How State Constitutions are Created - Quiz

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## **Q1. What is the purpose of a state constitution?**

- A. To give structure to the laws of a state
- B. To replace the national constitution
- C. To limit the powers of the federal government
- D. To create a new country

## **Q2. Who typically has the authority to write a state constitution?**

- A. A commission selected by the state legislature
- B. The President of the United States
- C. The Supreme Court
- D. Local mayors

## **Q3. What is a constitutional convention?**

- A. A meeting to write or revise a constitution
- B. A national holiday
- C. A type of court hearing
- D. A political campaign event

**Q4. What is the first part of a state constitution?**

- A. The preamble
- B. The amendments
- C. The declarations of principle
- D. The list of elected officials

**Q5. How many original states had constitutions before the US Constitution?**

- A. 13
- B. 10
- C. 15
- D. 20

**Q6. What is required to pass a constitutional amendment in most states?**

- A. A two-thirds majority in the legislature and a popular vote
- B. A unanimous vote in the legislature
- C. Approval by the governor only
- D. A simple majority in the legislature

**Q7. What do declarations of principle in a state constitution provide?**

- A. A set of values that all laws must be based on
- B. A list of current elected officials
- C. The budget for the state
- D. The schedule for legislative sessions

**Q8. Why are state constitutions often longer than the US Constitution?**

- A. They contain more detail about government interactions with the people
- B. They include the entire US Constitution
- C. They are written in a more complex language
- D. They list all state laws

**Q9. How often might the public be asked if they want a constitutional convention?**

- A. Every 10 or 20 years
- B. Every year
- C. Every 5 years
- D. Only once in the state's history

**Q10. What additional rights might a state constitution provide compared to the US Constitution?**

- A. Stronger free speech and freedom of religion rights
- B. The right to secede from the Union
- C. The right to ignore federal laws
- D. The right to elect federal judges

## **Answer Key**

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