



What Is a Self-Pardon? - Quiz

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Q1. Where is the presidential pardon power stipulated in the United States Constitution?

- A. Article I, Section 1
- B. Article II, Section 2
- C. Article III, Section 3
- D. Article IV, Section 4

Q2. What is a self-pardon?

- A. A pardon issued by the Supreme Court
- B. A pardon issued by a president to themselves
- C. A pardon issued by a vice president
- D. A pardon issued by Congress

Q3. Which president was pardoned by Gerald Ford after the Watergate scandal?

- A. Richard Nixon
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. George W. Bush

Q4. What is one reason a president might issue a pardon?

- A. To increase taxes
- B. To free someone from further punishment
- C. To declare war
- D. To appoint a Supreme Court justice

Q5. Has any U.S. president ever issued a self-pardon?

- A. Yes, Richard Nixon
- B. Yes, Donald Trump
- C. No, no president has attempted it
- D. Yes, Gerald Ford

Q6. What does the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel say about self-pardons?

- A. They are fully constitutional
- B. The president cannot pardon themselves
- C. They are encouraged
- D. They require Congressional approval

Q7. Which event led to discussions about Donald Trump potentially issuing a self-pardon?

- A. The Watergate scandal
- B. The riot on Capitol Hill in January 2021
- C. The impeachment of Bill Clinton
- D. The 9/11 attacks

Q8. What is a potential downside of a president issuing a self-pardon?

- A. It would look like an admission of guilt
- B. It would automatically remove them from office
- C. It would require approval from the Supreme Court
- D. It would invalidate all previous pardons

Q9. What did Richard Nixon maintain throughout the Watergate scandal?

- A. His guilt
- B. His innocence
- C. That he would self-pardon
- D. That he would resign immediately

Q10. What is one argument against the legality of a self-pardon?

- A. It violates the principle that no one may be a judge in their own case
- B. It requires a unanimous vote from Congress
- C. It is not mentioned in the Constitution
- D. It can only be issued by the Vice President

Answer Key

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