



What Is the Elastic Clause? - Quiz

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Q1. What is another name for the elastic clause?

- A. Necessary and Proper Clause
- B. Supremacy Clause
- C. Commerce Clause
- D. Due Process Clause

Q2. Which amendment gives state governments power over matters not enumerated to the federal government?

- A. First Amendment
- B. Tenth Amendment
- C. Fourteenth Amendment
- D. Fifth Amendment

Q3. In which article and section of the Constitution is the elastic clause found?

- A. Article 1, Section 8
- B. Article 2, Section 1
- C. Article 3, Section 2
- D. Article 4, Section 4

Q4. Which Supreme Court case first broadly interpreted the word 'necessary' in the elastic clause?

- A. Marbury v. Madison
- B. McCulloch v. Maryland
- C. Gibbons v. Ogden
- D. Dred Scott v. Sandford

Q5. Who advocated for a strict interpretation of the word 'necessary' in the elastic clause?

- A. Alexander Hamilton
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. James Madison
- D. John Adams

Q6. What does the elastic clause allow Congress to do?

- A. Override state laws at will
- B. Make laws necessary and proper to execute federal powers
- C. Amend the Constitution without ratification
- D. Abolish state governments

Q7. Which Supreme Court case involved a debate over whether a law was 'proper' under the elastic clause?

- A. Printz v. United States
- B. Brown v. Board of Education
- C. Roe v. Wade
- D. Miranda v. Arizona

Q8. What is one enumerated power of Congress mentioned in the article?

- A. Regulate trade between states
- B. Establish public schools
- C. Set speed limits on highways
- D. Issue marriage licenses

Q9. Which term refers to the idea that federal law is superior to state law?

- A. Elastic Clause
- B. Supremacy Clause
- C. Commerce Clause
- D. Full Faith and Credit Clause

Q10. Why is the elastic clause important?

- A. It allows Congress to amend the Constitution easily
- B. It helps the Constitution operate smoothly by enabling Congress to execute enumerated powers
- C. It gives the President unlimited power
- D. It eliminates state governments

Answer Key

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