Constitution USA ~ Part 4 ~ Built to Last

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As you watch the program, answer the following questions.

Video link: https://www.pbs.org/video/constitution-usa-peter-sagal-built-last/

1. What happened to Iceland in 2008? What did this lead them to do?

2. Did the Founding Fathers believe that the Constitution would last very long? Yes or No

3. Contrast Thomas Jefferson's vision of the Constitution with James Madison's.

4. What is the process for amending the Constitution? How many amendments have been added to the Constitution?

5. How did "Title IX" change women's ability to participate in sports?

6. What happened with the Equal Rights Amendment?

7. How did Congress and the Courts deal with the Watergate Scandal? Ultimately, Pres. Nixon became the first American president to do what?

8. Who is the "referee" of the Constitution?

9. In the video Peter Sagal interviews retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. When she served on the Court, what things did she consider when making decisions?

10. Why does Peter Sagal claim that the balance between the three branches of gov't is fragile? Give some examples.

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11. The Patriot Act was passed in response to what?

12. Who was Adama Ba? Describe what happened to her.

13. Typically, what happens to the President's powers during a time of war?

14. Sometimes government inaction can create a Constitutional crisis. What comical example do they use to illustrate this?

15. What did the Constitution fail to take into consideration? What did George Washington think of these entities?

16. Who does retiring US Rep. Barney Frank blame for the "gridlock" in Washington DC?

17. What is "gerrymandering"? How can it impact the political climate in Congress?

18. According to Larry Lasik, what is the most corrupting factor in our political system?

19. In the video Peter Sagal goes to visit his brother who is a Jewish Rabbi. When Rabbi Sagal compares the Torah to the Constitution, what does he say about both?

20. When Peter Sagal returns to Iceland at the end of the program, he visits the men & women who have drafted a new Constitution for Iceland. What are the first words of the new Constitution for Iceland?

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