Exploring the US Constitution

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Directions: Locate the following information in the Constitution. I expect you to: **answer the question and record the article & section** where you found it. You can do this in the space provided. If you need additional room, feel free to use an additional sheet of notebook paper.

Here is a link to a copy of the Constitution: https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript

Read the Preamble to the Constitution. What goals are identified in it?

What is Congress? What does it consist of? (two parts)

What are the requirements to be a Representative? A Senator? A President?

According to the Constitution is there a fixed number of Representatives in the House? How does it address the number of Representatives?

How many Senators are there?

Who has the power to impeach? Who has the power to try (as in hold a court hearing) over an impeached official?

Who is the President of the Senate?

According to the Constitution, what are the responsibilities of the Vice President?

Can a Senator or Representative be kicked out of office if he/she is seen to be unfit? Yes, no, and how?

What is the maximum length of adjournment of Congress while it is in session?

According to the Constitution, who controls the elections of the members of Congress?

Can members of Congress be arrested at the Capitol Building during session?

Who determines how much money a member of Congress will be paid?

List two restrictions on members of Congress.

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List the 17 expressed powers (not implied) given to Congress by the Constitution. Briefly explain each.

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What does the “elastic clause” state? (Read the last paragraph of Art. 1, Sect. 8)

List three things that states cannot do.

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Who officially elects the President of the United States?

According to the Constitution, how do we determine the number of electors for each state? Be specific.

According to the Constitution, what specific powers does the President have?

In all criminal cases, the Constitution requires what?

How can new states be added? Any limitations?

There are two ways (or processes) of amending the Constitution. What are they?

What does the Constitution say about all previous debts?

According to the Constitution, can there be any religious requirement for holding office?

How many of the original states had to approve the Constitution for it to go into effect?

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