

Name _____



WORKSHEET 3



The following statements apply to the legislative branch as set out in Article I, Sections 1–6, of the Constitution. In the first blank under *House*, write **HR** if the statement applies to the House of Representatives, **S** if it applies to the Senate, or **B** if it applies to both. In the second blank under *Section*, write the number of the section in Article I where each statement is found.

House	Section	Statement
_____	_____	1. Must be at least twenty-five years old.
_____	_____	2. Decides on the qualifications of its members.
_____	_____	3. Must have been a citizen for at least seven years.
_____	_____	4. Cannot hold other government jobs or receive salary from other government jobs.
_____	_____	5. Cannot be arrested for civil crimes while they are meeting.
_____	_____	6. Elects its own officers.
_____	_____	7. Paid out of the Treasury of the United States.
_____	_____	8. Has the power to impeach government officials.
_____	_____	9. One-third of the entire house is elected every two years.
_____	_____	10. Must be at least thirty years old.
_____	_____	11. The Vice-President is this house's president.
_____	_____	12. Elects an official called the <i>president pro tempore</i> to run meetings.
_____	_____	13. Conducts trials of impeachment.
_____	_____	14. Must meet at least once every year.
_____	_____	15. More than half the members must be present to conduct business.
_____	_____	16. Has law-making powers.
_____	_____	17. May set its own rules of operation.
_____	_____	18. Number of members in the house is based on the state's population.
_____	_____	19. Elected for six-year terms.
_____	_____	20. Member can be punished for disorderly behavior, or even expelled.
_____	_____	21. Elected for two-year terms.
_____	_____	22. Must keep an official record of its proceedings.
_____	_____	23. Must live in the state from which they are elected.

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WORKSHEET 4



Part A.

Read the Preamble to the Constitution paying special attention to the meanings of the words. Then use a dictionary or thesaurus to write two *synonyms*—words that mean the same or nearly the same—for each word listed below.

1. perfect _____
2. union _____
3. justice _____
4. domestic _____
5. tranquility _____
6. common _____
7. defense _____
8. general _____
9. welfare _____
10. blessings _____
11. liberty _____
12. posterity _____

Part B.

Rewrite the Preamble by replacing the original wording with the synonyms you've written above. Choose your synonyms carefully to avoid changing the meaning of the Preamble.

WE THE PEOPLE of the United States, in Order to form a more

_____, establish

_____, insure _____

_____, provide for the _____

_____, promote the _____

_____ and secure the _____ of _____ to ourselves and our

_____ do ordain and establish

this Constitution for the United States of America.