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How Much Do You Know About ...

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); Prizes (small) for winner(s)

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game, we look at one subject in depth – it could be a person, place, event, or thing. This week, the USA is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the document which severed the thirteen American colonies' political ties to the British Empire. One war and five years later, **THE US CONSTITUTION** became the law of the land – so let's see how much you actually know about it!

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Just answer the questions to find out how much you know about today's subject ... **THE US CONSTITUTION.**

1. What are the first 15 words of the Constitution of the United States?
2. The Constitution creates three branches of government:
 - a. The first is the Executive Branch, led by whom?
 - b. The second is the Judicial Branch, headed by what institution?
 - c. The third is the Legislative Branch, made up of what two groups?
3. The Constitution has been amended 27 times since it was adopted in 1787. By what name are the first ten amendments known?
4. What is the minimum age to become President of the United States?
5. What is the minimum age to become a member of the House of Representatives?
6. If the President is removed or unable to finish his term, who succeeds him?
7. Who is next in line, after the Vice President, to become President?
8. What is the length of term for a Senator?
9. What is the length of term for a member of the House of Representatives?
10. The First Amendment provides for five important freedoms. Can you name three of them?
11. The Second Amendment guarantees this right to individuals.
12. The Fifth Amendment, often heard in a courtroom, guarantees this.
13. The Eighteenth Amendment is the only one to date to have been repealed. In effect for fourteen years, this unpopular law was stricken from the Constitution in 1933. What did the 18th Amendment prohibit?
14. At age 81, this Pennsylvanian was the oldest person to sign the US Constitution.

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ANSWERS

1. "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union ..."
2. Branches of government
 - a. The President
 - b. The Supreme Court
 - c. The Senate and the House of Representatives
3. The Bill of Rights
4. Thirty-five
5. Twenty-five
6. The Vice President
7. The Speaker of the House
8. Six years
9. Two years
10. 1) Religion; 2) Speech; 3) The Press; 4) Assembly; and 5) Petition (i.e., the right to make a complaint to or seek the assistance of the government without fear of punishment or reprisals)
11. To keep and bear arms for lawful purposes
12. The Fifth Amendment provides that an accused person may not be compelled to testify against himself.
13. The manufacture, importing, and exporting of alcoholic beverages.
14. Benjamin Franklin