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# Social Studies Study Guide

## Unit 1 Our Government

Begin by reviewing vocabulary words 1-22  
Reread all the Big Ideas from lessons 1-4  
Study the graphic organizers for each lesson  
Use the following questions to guide your review.

1. What are the branches of the US government?

See lesson 2.

2. The president has veto power is an example of

See lesson 2.

3. Making new laws is part of which branch of government?

See lesson 2.

4. The highest court of our nation is?

See lesson 2.

5. The Executive Branch has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ a bill.

Is it veto or override??

See lesson 2.

6. What does Separation of Power mean in the federal government?

See lesson 2.

7. Place the following levels of the government from lowest to highest.  
\_\_\_ Federal Government  
\_\_\_ State Government  
\_\_\_ County Government  
\_\_\_ City Government  
Which makes the decisions for the USA?

See lesson 3.

8. Fill in the blanks.

The leader of the US is\_\_\_\_\_.

The leader of a state is \_\_\_\_\_.

The leader of a city is\_\_\_\_\_.

governor - mayor - president

See lesson 2.

9. Understand The Preamble of the Constitution:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

See lesson 1.

10. Match the level government to its powers:

Federal

State

to declare war

the driving laws

marriage laws

having an army

See lesson 3.

11. Why did the authors of the Constitution want to limit the power given to any one branch of the government? Describe the reason for this and provide an example of what might happen if they had not done this.

This questions is worth 3 points and should be answer in complete sentences. To get all 3 points you need to provide a valid reason for limiting the power of government and gives an appropriate example of something that might happen if power was not limited.

12. Why might it be difficult to travel in the US if each state had its own laws, money, and military. Explain your thinking by providing at least two reasons.

This questions is worth 2 points and should be answer in complete sentences. To get all 2 points you need to provide at least two sound reasons why the absence of a federal government might make traveling within the USA difficult.

13. Why is it important for our country to have a constitution? Explain two reasons how the citizens of the United States benefit from our constitution.

This questions is worth 3 points and should be answer in complete sentences. To get all 3 points you need to explains why the constitution is important and provide two appropriate benefits.

14. What is the process for a bill to become a law. Identify four steps in this process and describe each.

This questions is worth 3 points and should be answer in complete sentences. To get all 3 points your answer need to show you clearly understands the process of a bill becoming a law and provides a good description of each step along the way.