

## Assessment Objectives and Study Guide for the US Constitution

The Constitution test will take place on **Tuesday September 16** (note the date change!). The test will be worth around **50** points and count toward the “summative” portion of your grade. It will contain True/False, Multiple Choice, Matching, and Short Answer questions. A solid understanding of the following topics will ensure you are prepared for the test.

### Confederacy versus the Federal Republic

Why did the people who wrote our Constitution have such a fear of centralized authority?

What is a Confederacy?

What is a Federal Republic?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of each?

Articles of Confederation – Strengths and Weaknesses?

### Constitution - Organization

1. Bill of Rights: Amendments 1-10

### Constitution – Structure, purpose, and procedure

- Articles 1-3: What are the 3 branches of government and what is the balance of power between them?
- Article 4: Federalism – Can you use modern-day examples to shed light on the importance of the “Federalism debate?”
- Article 5: Amendment process and procedure: What is one way to make a constitutional amendment?
- Bill of Rights: What are the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution, what do they mean, and why are they important?

### 3 Branches of Government

1. Selection and makeup (how are the representatives chosen for each branch?)
  - \* This includes differentiation within the legislative branch.
2. Powers – what is the function of each branch?
3. Checks and balances vs other branches

### Supreme Court:

1. Role/function, limitations (what checks do other branches have on Supreme Court?)