

**2025–2026 Grade 8
Social Studies MP2
PreAssessment**

Question 1.

What was a significant concern that led to the inclusion of the Bill of Rights in the Constitution?

- A. Fear of foreign invasion
- B. The need for a national currency
- C. The demand for protections against government abuses of power
- D. The desire to expand the territory

Question 2.

The Electoral College was created as a compromise between

- A. Those who wanted Congress to choose the president and those who wanted a direct popular vote
- B. States that wanted a king and those that wanted a president
- C. Small states that wanted fewer elections and large states that wanted more elections
- D. Northern and Southern states over the issue of trade

Question 3.

Which principle of the Constitution ensures that government powers are divided among different branches to prevent any one branch from becoming too powerful?

- A. Federalism
- B. Separation of Powers
- C. Rule of Law
- D. Individual Rights

Question 4.

What role does "consent of the governed" play in the effectiveness of the Constitution?

- A. It allows for the appointment of leaders without elections
- B. It guarantees that all laws are interpreted by the judiciary
- C. It mandates a strict separation of church and state
- D. It ensures that government leaders are chosen by the people, making the government more responsive to citizens' needs

Question 5.

What was a key issue that led to the formation of the first political parties in the United States?

- A. The role and power of state governments
- B. The need for a national bank
- C. The role and power of the federal government
- D. The inclusion of the Bill of Rights

Question 6.

What role did economic interests play in shaping political parties?

- A. They led to a unified national policy
- B. They were irrelevant to political formation
- C. They caused divisions, with some supporting farming interests and others supporting industrial interests.
- D. They encouraged bipartisan cooperation

Question 7.

How did John Adams' signing of the Alien and Sedition Acts challenge the Constitution's goal of securing the blessings of liberty?

- A. It gave freedom to people who were not citizens
- B. It allowed the government to limit free speech and punish critics
- C. It increased the number of people eligible for citizenship
- D. It limited the president's ability to make decisions

Question 8.

Which of the following actions by George Washington helped establish the Constitution's goal of creating a strong federal government?

- A. His handling of the Whiskey Rebellion, showing the power of federal law
- B. His decision to avoid forming a national army
- C. His refusal to serve more than one term in office
- D. His establishment of the Supreme Court

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