

b. Was the treaty binding on the United States as soon as Wilson signed it? Why or why not?  
Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

11. The United States has just been attacked by a foreign country. Only Congress can declare war against that country but Congress has finished up its business for the year and adjourned. What power, if any, does the president have to act in this emergency? Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Congress is controlled by the Democrats. President Yaeger, a Republican, takes several actions that are opposed by the Democrats in Congress. First, the president introduces a new budget that cuts most of the government's social programs and gives tax breaks to the wealthy. Next, President Yaeger negotiates a trade treaty with a nation accused of human rights abuses. Then, the president gives pardons to three Republican Senators who have been convicted of crimes. Finally, President Yaeger appoints his wife as the Secretary of State, his son as Postmaster General, and his daughter-in-law as head of the FBI. What can the Democrats in Congress do to check each of President Yaeger's actions? Be specific.

Budget: Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

Treaty: Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

Pardons: Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

Appointments: Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

~~13. Justice Rodriguez was appointed by the president to the Supreme Court two years ago. The president hoped that Rodriguez would vote to support his policies. However, during the last two years, Rodriguez has consistently voted against the president's wishes. Can the president remove Rodriguez as a Supreme Court Justice because of this political disagreement? Why or why not?~~

~~Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.~~

14. Supreme Court Justice Emerson is alleged to have accepted a bribe in a case concerning a large corporation. If the allegation is true, can Justice Emerson be removed from office? Why or why not?

Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Mr. Wade was accused of treason during World War I. During his trial, the prosecution brought forward one witness against him. This witness testified that she saw Mr. Wade giving "aid and comfort" to the enemy. Based on this testimony, Mr. Wade was convicted. Although Congress had declared that the punishment for treason would be life imprisonment, Mr. Wade's crime was considered so severe that the judge presiding at his trial ordered him put to death by hanging. In addition, Mr. Wade's wife and children had their citizenship revoked and were denied the right to inherit his property. There are three things wrong with the above scenario. Describe what they are, using passages from the Constitution to support your answer.

Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Constitution: Where. What, and How**  
**Student Handout: The Constitution Scavenger Hunt**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_

1. Mr. Smith would like to run for a Senate seat in Massachusetts. He is 49 years old and has been a citizen of the United States all of his life. He lives in New York and is registered to vote in that state. He owns a house in Massachusetts and visits there occasionally. His business is in Albany, New York. Can Mr. Smith run for the Massachusetts Senate seat? Why or why not? Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. The president is trying to balance the budget to begin reducing the national debt. One part of his program is to raise income taxes. Into which house of Congress must the president try to get his tax increase bill introduced to see it become law? Why? Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. Congress sends the president a bill which calls for an increase of ten percent in Social Security payments to the elderly. The president and his advisers believe that this is a bad idea because it will cause inflation and increase the budget deficit. However, the president is reluctant to veto the bill because a large segment of the population is more than 60 years old and Social Security is important to them.
  - a. Can the president simply ignore the bill, neither vetoing nor signing it, and allow it to pass without taking any direct action? Why or why not? Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - b. Reconsider question 3a in light of the fact that Congress has voted to adjourn for the year in five days. What difference will this make to the president's decision on how to respond to the Social Security bill? Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - c. The president eventually vetoes the Social Security increase bill. Many members of Congress believe that the bill is vital to their elderly constituents. What can Congress do to make sure the bill is passed in spite of the president's veto? Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. The following are possible topics of bills that might be presented to Congress. Determine whether Congress has the power to deal with each topic and explain why or why not.
  - a. Congress raises the national debt ceiling by \$1 billion. Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - b. Congress wishes to give one of the nation's oldest and most respected ambassadors the title of "duke" in recognition of her service to the country. Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Clause \_\_\_\_\_.