

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Abc's of the Constitution

Directions: Create, write and illustrate an ABC book using terms and information related to the United States Constitution. The books must include 24 letters of the alphabet* and include at least one descriptive sentence per letter.

The ABC book format requires that for each letter of the alphabet (*x,y and z are grouped into one entry), a term or idea related to the United States constitution is covered. For example, the letter "A" might be for "Articles of Confederation"...since the Articles of Confederation were an attempt at the first constitution for our new country.

Example:

"A" is for Articles of Confederation. Found to provide too much power to state governments, the Articles of Confederation were an unsuccessful attempt at an early American Constitution.

The students will...

- 1) Read through the ABC terms from a provided list of terms related to the constitution. (*see listing on reverse side)
- 2) Research the terms using their textbooks and other provided sources.
- 3) Select which words they will use for each letter.
- 4) Write a sentences, along with an illustration for each letter.
- 5) Create the final copy complete with colored illustrations and cover.
- 6) Present their books to the class and hand-in their completed (final copy) projects on the due date given.

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY TERMS : Constitution ABC book

A - Amendment; anti-federalist; (right to) assemble; articles of confederation
B - Bill of rights; (right to) bear arms; bill; bail; bicameralism
C - Constitution, central government; constitutional government; compromise; congress; checks and balances; cabinet; citizen; civil rights; committee; census
D - Doctrine of nullification; double jeopardy; due process of law; democracy; division of power
E - Executive branch; Electoral College; election
F - Federalism; federal government; federalist; filibuster; First Lady
G - Great Compromise; government
H - House of Representatives; human rights
I - Impeach; indictment; incumbent
J - Judicial branch; judicial review; jury
K - King; or "Knowledge about...YOU PICK A TERM" or "Kids should know...YOU PICK A TERM"
L - Legislative; libel; law; lobbying
M - Majority rule; minority; Madison;
N - New Jersey Plan; nullification; naturalization; natural rights
O - "Oh No! We can't forget about...YOU PICK A TERM!"
P - President; pardon; probable cause; (freedom of) the press; pleading the fifth; popular sovereignty; political party
Q - "Que es (that is)...YOU PICK A TERM!"
R - Republic; ratification; reasonable suspicion; (freedom of) religion
S - Suffrage; senate; Supreme Court; separation of powers; slander; (freedom of) speech; Speaker of the House
T - Three-Fifths compromise; the right to...(pick a right you have not already discussed)
U - unanimous consent, union or "United States...YOU PICK A TERM!"
V - Veto; Virginia Plan; voter
W - Warrant; winner take all election system
X, Y, AND Z - "Last but not least...YOU PICK A TERM!"

Grading:

Appearance:

neatness of ABC book (easy to see/read)	3	2	1	0
attractively written/illustrated/colored	3	2	1	0

Content:

accuracy and adequacy	3	2	1	0
displayed understanding of constitutional terminology	3	2	1	0
sentences were well written and easy to follow	3	2	1	0

Other:

listening behavior (group and individual)	3	2	1	0
project directions followed	3	2	1	0
project due dates met (final copy completed: DUE ___/___/___)	3	2	1	0
In-class cooperation/effort (group and/or individual)	3	2	1	0

Total (3 = satisfactory, 2 = needs improvement, 1 = unsatisfactory) ___ /27