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***Drafting the Constitution:
The Founding Fathers at Work;
The Constitution and You:
An Overview***



You are making progress! Answer the following questions. Circle the correct answers or fill in the blanks with words, letters or numbers as each question indicates. Check your answers from the Answer Key. Correct all errors, then complete your next goal.

1. British statesman, William Gladstone said, “*The most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man,*” is, _____.
- *2. The Constitutional Convention assembled on May 25, _____ in _____.
- *3. This Convention was to form a _____ of the people, by the _____ and _____ the people.
- *4. The outstanding patriots of the Constitutional Convention became known as America’s _____.
5. George Washington was elected the Convention President by a slim margin of votes.
(a) True or (b) False
- *6. Who was called the *Father of the Constitution*? _____
(a) Benjamin Franklin (b) George Washington (c) James Madison
7. **Cause:** James Madison read more than 200 history and philosophy books the year before the Constitutional Convention. **Effect:** Madison was the most _____ writer and _____ of the Convention.
- *8. _____ would later become the nation’s fourth president.
9. Alexander Hamilton was later named _____ of the _____.
- *10. Who played a crucial role at the Constitutional Convention and became the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? _____
11. Most of the Founding Fathers were between the ages of _____ and _____.

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- *12. An elder statesman valued for wisdom and insight was _____, who encouraged delegates to seek assistance from the _____.
- *13. Name 3 outstanding character traits possessed by the Founding Fathers: _____, _____ and _____.
14. The Founding Fathers were the framers of the Constitution. (a) True or (b) False
15. Which of these was **NOT** included in the reference material of the delegates?
(a) Iroquois Indian Confederacy (b) Gettysburg Address
(c) Magna Carta (d) Articles of Confederation
16. Which of these is **NOT** a definition of *pathos*? _____
(a) great excitement or anger (b) parenting (c) enthusiasm and tenderness
- *17. When things got difficult between the delegates, what did Benjamin Franklin suggest they do? _____
(a) more research (b) seek God's counsel (c) take a week off
18. As a result of taking Franklin's advice, the unfriendly feelings were "_____", and a spirit of "_____" was cultivated.
- *19. A _____ system of government has power divided between a strong _____ government and the states.
- *20. The United States is defined as a _____ form of government.
(a) republican (b) socialistic (c) monarchy (d) democratic
- *21. _____ delegates signed the Constitution, it was ratified by the _____ states, and over _____ years later, we still rely upon it to protect and guide us.
- *22. What does the Constitution do for you?
(a) defines and preserves our way of life
(b) protects individual rights
(c) protects us from people doing "their own thing" without regard for others' rights
(d) A and B only
(e) A, B and C
- *23. The Founding Fathers helped Americans understand the balance between personal _____ balanced by _____.

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24. In order to claim the inheritance of our country and the Constitution, you must:

(a) run for political office (b) vote (c) make wise choices in life

***25.** The central government is set up to have limited power. (a) True or (b) False

26. Congress has the power to _____ for the “_____ *welfare*”.

***27.** The House of Representatives is based on the _____ of the individual states. Representatives are elected for _____ year terms.

***28.** A senator’s elected term is _____ years. Regardless of population, each states elects _____ senators.

***29.** The president of the United States is chosen by direct vote of the people.
(a) True or (b) False

Matching: (30-33)

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| * 30. _____ Military Commander-in-Chief | (a) House of Representatives and Senate |
| * 31. _____ President | (b) executive |
| * 32. _____ Legislature | (c) Supreme Court, Federal Court System |
| * 33. _____ Judicial | (d) President of the United States |

***34.** All three branches of the government act as a system of _____ and _____.

35. Refer to MAP 12. What ocean lies to the east of the 13 Colonies? _____
_____.

***36.** Write the **Life Principle**: “ _____

_____.”

