**Social Studies Content Practice Questions**

**1. Why was the Mayflower Compact (1620) written? What did it create?**

**2. What was the purpose of the Virginia House of Burgesses and the New England Town Hall meetings?**

**3. At the time of the writing of the U.S. Constitution, voting rights were limited to this group of people:**

**4. Explain Mercantilism. What was its purpose? How did various groups of colonists react to the policy in the 1700s?**

**5. What is salutary neglect? How did it affect relations between Great Britain and the American colonies in the 1700s?**

**6. Describe the conflicting viewpoints (Patriots, Loyalists/Tories, British) during the time period of 1763-1776.**

**7. Describe the various reactions by groups of colonists (Patriots, Loyalists/Tories, Moderates) about the actions of and the series of Acts/laws passed by the British Government from 1763-1776?**

**8. Why were many colonists angered by the Proclamation of 1763?**

**9. Which document’s purpose is to protect people’s Natural Rights, such as “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?”**

**10. One of the reasons why the U.S.’s first government, the Articles of Confederation, failed is because the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ governments had too much power and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government had too little power.**

**11. Describe the Virginia and New Jersey plans.**

**12. What does bicameral mean?**

**13. Explain the Great (Connecticut) Compromise and the conflict it resolved at the Constitutional Convention of 1787.**

**14. How did the Constitutional Convention handle the issue of slavery?**

**15. List some of the powers that were reserved in the U.S. Constitution for only the federal government. Why was it important to keep these powers with the federal (central) government?**

**16. Explain the 7 Principles of the U.S. Constitution and the purposes of each.**

**17. List the 6 goals listed in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. Why is this statement included?**

**18. List the steps in the Amendment Process. Explain why the framers (writers) made the amendment process challenging.**

**19. What is judicial review?**

**20. What is a census? Why is it completed periodically?**

**21. Why did the framers (writers) of the U.S. Constitution make the term of the House of Representatives 2 years and the Senate’s term 6 years?**

**22. List the steps in the Impeachment process. Which group is in charge of each step?**

**23. Describe the Federalist and Anti-Federalist viewpoints. What issue developed between the two groups?**

**24. Explain the purpose of the Bill of Rights. What does the document guarantee?**

**25. What is ratification? Describe the process.**