

POLITICAL SCIENCE 1 – INTERNET RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

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Visiting the following Internet sites, search for the answers to the questions in bold.

For 2 points, at <http://www.house.gov/>

Find the name and mailing address of your House of Representative to the U.S. Congress

For 4 points, at <http://www.senate.gov/>

Find the names and mailing addresses of the two California Senators to the U.S. Congress

For 4 points, at <http://www.state.ca.us/>

When was the first federal census conducted in California? What was the population count?

Who was the first governor of California after statehood?

Who was the first California born governor of California?

For 2 points, at <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

Find the name and mailing address of your state assemblyperson in Sacramento

For 2 points, at <http://www.sen.ca.gov/>

Find the name and mailing address of your state senator in Sacramento

Find the names and mailing addresses of the Mayor of your city

For 2 points:

Identify the website for the Democratic National Committee

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Identify the website for the Republican National Committee

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Citizenship Questions

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The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, administers a test to all immigrants applying for citizenship. Some of these questions have been selected from the CIS list of 100 questions. Here are 40 questions all Americans should know. How would you do? Many, you will find simple. Others are not so easy.

1. What do the stars and the stripes on the U.S. flag represent?
2. How many states are there in the Union? Name the 13 original states and the 49th and 50th states of the Union?
3. What are three American territories which are not States but belong to the U.S. commonwealth?
4. What kind of government does the United States have?
5. What are the 3 branches of government and what stops one branch from becoming too powerful?
6. What is the Constitution, in what year was it written and how many changes have there been to it?
7. Whose rights are guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?
8. Explain what the Bill of Rights is and name all of the Bill of Rights?
9. Name four amendments that expand suffrage?
10. What is federalism and what are the three levels of government?
11. Under the Constitution, what are three powers that belong to the federal government?
12. What are three powers that belong to the state governments?
13. Name three benefits of being citizen of the United States.
14. In chronological order, who were the first four Presidents of the United States?
15. In chronological order, who were the last four Presidents of the United States?
16. Who is the vice-president of the United States and Chairman of the Federal Reserve System today?
17. Who elects the President of the United States and by how many votes must a candidate win?
18. What is the entire order of succession to the Presidency if he or she should die?
19. For how long do we elect the President and for how many terms can the President serve?
20. In what month do we vote for the President and in what month is the new President inaugurated?
21. According to the Constitution, a person must meet certain requirements to be eligible to become President. Name two of these requirements.
22. What special group advises the President and name five of these positions?
23. What are the duties of Congress?
24. Who has the power to declare the war, Congress or the Commander-in-Chief?
25. Who elects the Congress? Which amendment changed the way senators are elected?
26. How many senators are there in Congress and how long is a senator's term?
27. How many representatives are there in Congress and how long is a representative's term?
28. Why do some states have more representatives than others?
29. How many representatives to the House does California have?
30. Who is the Speaker of the House? Who is the Senate Majority leader?
31. What are the duties of the U.S. Supreme Court and who is the Chief Justice?
32. How many Supreme Court Justices are there and who nominates and confirms these appointees?
33. What is the capital of California?
34. How many state senators and assemblypersons serve in California's legislature? For how long?
35. Who is the current California Assembly Speaker?
36. Who is the current head executive of your state government?
37. Who is the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court and how many justices are there?
38. Who is the head executive of city government?
39. What are the duties of a city council and a county board of supervisors?
40. What are three ways Americans can participate in their democracy?