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**Constitution 101 Notes**

1. What is the Constitution?
2. What principals are the Constitution based on?
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3. Explain how checks and balances work:
4. Who wrote the Constitution and what were his primary contributions to the Constitutional Convention?
5. Why did the Founding Fathers write the Constitution? (6 problems with the Articles and one major event)
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6. Explain the original proposals from the Constitutional Convention:
	1. **New Jersey Plan**:
	2. **Virginia Plan**:
7. Explain the major compromises made that allowed the convention to continue and a constitution to be written:
	1. Hybrid of NJ and VA Plans:
	2. Three-Fifths Clause:

**Article 1 - Legislative Branch:**

Bicameral – Explain how House and Senate members are elected and how long each serves:

1. **House of Representatives:**
	1. Election Process:
	2. Term Length:
2. **Senate:**
	1. Election Process:
	2. Term Length:
3. What powers are granted to the legislative branch?

**Article 2 – Executive Branch**

1. What powers are given to the executive branch?
2. What requirements are there for serving as President or Vice President?

**Article 3 – Judicial Branch**

1. What requirements are there for serving? How do Supreme Court justices get their appointments?
2. What is their role in government?