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The Constitutional Convention - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The constitution drafted by the Continental Congress was called the { }.

- ☒ A. Articles of Confederation
- B. Declaration of Independence
- C. Bill of Rights
- D. Emancipation Proclamation

2. Who presided over the Constitutional Convention?

- A. Benjamin Franklin
- ☒ C. George Washington
- B. James Madison
- D. Thomas Jefferson

3. When did the Constitutional Convention take place?

- ☒ A. 1787
- B. 1797
- C. 1807
- D. 1817

4. What was the original purpose of the Constitutional Convention?

- A. To establish a Bill of Rights for the US Constitution
- ☒ C. To revise the Articles of Confederation
- B. To ratify the new US Constitution
- D. To draft the Declaration of Independence

5. The delegates agreed to { } federal power.

- A. consolidate
- ☒ B. distribute
- C. eliminate
- D. privatize

6. The { } Compromise established equal representation in the Senate and proportional representation in the House.

- A. Colorado
- ☒ B. Connecticut
- C. Kansas
- D. Kentucky

7. The Three-Fifths Compromise established that {}

- A. the vote of an enslaved person would count as only three-fifths of a vote
- ☒ B. enslaver states would include three-fifths of their enslaved population in their total population counts
- C. enslavers could enslave no more than three-fifths of their labor force
- D. only three-fifths of all enslaver states would be allowed representation in Congress

8. In the final days of the Convention, the delegates agreed that a president would lead the {}.

- A. judiciary
- ☒ B. executive branch
- C. legislative branch
- D. Senate

9. Article V sets forth the procedure for {}.

- A. electing the president
- ☒ B. amending the Constitution
- C. appointing a presidential cabinet
- D. scheduling the next Constitutional Convention

10. Why is the Constitution considered a living document?

- A. It was originally inscribed on tree bark.
- ☒ B. It is able to be changed.
- C. The framers' descendants are still alive.
- D. It exists on the internet.