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What Is the Constitution? - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. When did the United States declare independence from Britain?

- ☒ A. 1776
- B. 1779
- C. 1786
- D. 1789

2. In a democracy, who governs the people?

- A. Kings and queens
- ☒ C. The people themselves
- B. No one
- D. Emperors

3. Who created the United States Constitution?

- A. The judicial branch
- ☒ D. America's Founding Fathers
- B. The people of England
- C. King George

4. What is the United States Constitution?

- ☒ A. A set of rules for the United States government
- C. A list of all the laws that all countries must follow
- B. A statement declaring America's independence from Britain
- D. A declaration of revolutionary war against England

5. Why did the Founding Fathers divide the government into three separate branches?

- ☒ A. To spread out power
- C. To hide private wealth
- B. To create confusion among British enemies
- D. To remove power from American citizens

6. Which branch of government makes laws?

- A. The executive branch
- B. The judicial branch

- ☒ C. The legislative branch
- D. None of the above

7. Which branch of government carries out laws?

- ☒ A. The executive branch
- B. The judicial branch

- C. The legislative branch
- D. None of the above

8. Which branch decides whether laws follow the Constitution's rules?

- A. The executive branch
- ☒ B. The judicial branch

- C. The legislative branch
- D. None of the above

9. True or False: The Constitution can be changed.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

10. What did the 13th Amendment do?

- ☒ A. Outlaw enslavement
- B. Declare war against Britain

- C. Declare American independence
- D. Spread out power within the government