~Social Studies Study Guide~

Quiz Date: Friday 9-12-14

Overview: American Land, American People

Lesson 2: Government by the People

The following information will be re-tested on Friday, 9-12-14. Only Chart 7 is new.

CHARTS

5a. The **United States Constitution** is our **country's plan of government** and was **written in 1787.**

5b. The **first part of the Constitution** is called the **Preamble** and **tells what the government's responsibilities are to its citizens.**

5c. The **main purpose** of **government** is to **create rules** and **laws** that **protect the people** and to **establish and maintain order.**

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6a. **Democracy** is a **form of government** that is **run for and by the people.**

6b. The **number one principle** of **democracy** is **individual freedom.**

6c. **Federalism** is the **sharing of power** between the **states** and **national government.**

6d. The **three branches** of **government** are the **legislative branch**, the **executive branch**, and the **judicial branch.**

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11a. **Representative government** is a system in which **voters elect representatives** to **make laws for them.**

11b. **Separation of Powers** is a system in which each **branch of government** has its **own powers.**

11c. **Checks and Balances** means each **branch** of government has **power** to **check**, or **control**, the **others.**

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a	b	c
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	EXECUTIVE BRANCH	JUDICIAL BRANCH
MAKES AND PASSES LAWS	CARRIES OUT OR EXECUTES LAWS	INTERPRETS OR TELLS THE FAIRNESS OF LAWS
NATIONAL LEVEL	NATIONAL LEVEL	NATIONAL LEVEL
Congress	President	Supreme Court
STATE LEVEL	STATE LEVEL	STATE LEVEL
KY Legislature	Governor	KY Supreme Court
LOCAL LEVEL	LOCAL LEVEL	LOCAL LEVEL
City Council	Mayor	District and Circuit Courts

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12a. Each **state** has **2 senators.**

12b. The **number of representatives** in the **House of Representatives** is based on the **size** of the **state's population.**

12c. **Teachers**, **police officers**, and **firefighters** are examples of **government workers.**

12d. **Government workers** are **paid** using **tax dollars.**

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13a. **Schools**, **roads**, **parks**, and the **military** are **paid for** by **taxes.**

13b. Both **federal** and **state governments** can **tax citizens.**

13c. **Responsibilities of citizens** are to **vote**, **pay taxes**, and serve **on a jury.**

13d. The **capital** of **Kentucky** is **Frankfort.**

13e. The **capital of the United States** is **Washington, D.C.**

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NOTES

- Citizens play the most important part in the U.S. government.
- Citizens have several basic rights. Their rights include freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to a fair trial.
- All citizens who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote.
- The government has not always treated all people fairly. Yet, we can change laws to protect all Americans.