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Dissecting the Constitutional Crisis: 9th Grade Republic Quiz

Executive energy, judicial independence, and factionalism—apply complex constitutional theories to the early American political landscape.

1. Which Enlightenment concept, advocated by Baron de Montesquieu, was most directly challenged by the Anti-Federalist concern that the 'Necessary and Proper Clause' would lead to 'legislative tyranny'?

- A. Social Contract Theory
- B. Separation of Powers
- C. Divine Right of Kings
- D. Natural Rights

2. In Federalist No. 10, James Madison argues that the best way to control the 'mischiefs of faction' is through which mechanism?

- A. A small, homogenous direct democracy
- B. A large republic with a diversity of interests
- C. Strict bans on political organizations
- D. The establishment of a state religion

3. The _____ of 1800 is historically significant because it marked the first peaceful transfer of power between opposing political parties in U.S. history.

- A. Compromise
- B. Treaty
- C. Election
- D. Revolution

4. The Judiciary Act of 1789 was the primary document that established the principle of 'Judicial Review' for the Supreme Court.

- A. True
- B. False

5. During the 1790s, the Democratic-Republicans led by Jefferson generally favored which foreign policy alignment?

- A. Pro-British trade and manufacturing ties
- B. Pro-French support for revolutionary ideals
- C. Total isolation from all global affairs
- D. A military alliance with the Spanish Empire

6. The concept of 'implied powers' was used by Alexander Hamilton to justify the constitutionality of the _____, despite the Constitution not explicitly mentioning such an institution.

- A. Supreme Court

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- B. National Bank
- C. Department of War
- D. Electoral College

7. The Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions argued that states had the right to 'nullify' federal laws they deemed unconstitutional.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Which specific event most directly led to the collapse of the Federalist Party's national influence following the War of 1812?

- A. The XYZ Affair
- B. The Hartford Convention
- C. The Louisiana Purchase
- D. The Embargo Act

9. In 1795, _____ Treaty was signed with Spain, granting Americans the right of deposit at the Port of New Orleans and settling the Florida boundary.

- A. Jay's
- B. Ghent
- C. Pinckney's
- D. Adams-Onis

10. Which of the following best describes the 'Executive Energy' Alexander Hamilton advocated for in Federalist No. 70?

- A. A weak president subservient to the states
- B. A committee of three individuals sharing power
- C. A unified, single executive capable of decisive action
- D. A president serving a life term like a monarch