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A Crisp Crackle of Parchment: 3rd Grade Constitution Case

Students construct a New Republic by balancing power, designing fair rules, and solving the complex puzzle of a growing nation's first steps.

1. Imagine you are a builder in 1787. Instead of wood, you are using 'Checks and Balances' to build a government. Why is this important?

- A. To make sure one person doesn't become like a king with too much power
- B. To help the President count all the money in the banks
- C. To allow the states to pick their own national anthem
- D. To make the Supreme Court faster at writing new laws

2. The beginning of the Constitution is a famous introduction that starts with the words 'We the _____.'

- A. Leaders
- B. Founders
- C. People
- D. States

3. Benjamin Franklin believed the Constitution was perfect and didn't need any more changes after it was signed.

- A. True
- B. False

4. During the debates, small states were worried they would be ignored. Which part of the new government gave every state exactly two 'voices' regardless of size?

- A. The House of Representatives
- B. The Supreme Court
- C. The Senate
- D. The President's Cabinet

5. If the President disagrees with a law passed by Congress, they can use a power called a _____ to try and stop it.

- A. Veto
- B. Pardon
- C. Treaty
- D. Speech

6. The 'Rising Sun' on George Washington's chair at the convention symbolized the hopeful start of the new United States.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Abigail Adams famously asked her husband John to 'Remember the Ladies.' This shows that during the Early Republic:

- A. Women were already allowed to vote in every state
- B. Some people were already thinking about fairness and rights for everyone
- C. The Constitution was written by both men and women
- D. Laws were only made to help families in Massachusetts

8. To make sure the Constitution could change as the world changed, the creators added a way to make _____ or additions.

- A. Chapters
- B. Amendments
- C. Blueprints
- D. Summaries

9. The Supreme Court's main job is to lead the army during times of war.

- A. True
- B. False

10. If you were living in 1790, why would the 'Freedom of the Press' in the Bill of Rights be important to you?

- A. It allowed you to print newspapers that criticized the government without being arrested
- B. It gave every citizen a free printing press for their home
- C. It made sure that all books were written in the same language
- D. It required the government to pay for everyone's school books