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Answer Key: Rule the Republic: A First Grade Law-Maker Challenge!

Design a new government and solve the big puzzles our leaders faced when building the United States rules.

1. If you were writing the Constitution today, which 'Big Rule' would help people solve a disagreement fairly?

Answer: A) Voting to make a group choice

Voting is a foundational democratic process used in the Constitution to ensure the government represents the will of the people.

2. The Bill of Rights was added because some leaders were worried the government might take away people's special freedoms.

Answer: A) True

Anti-Federalists insisted on the Bill of Rights to protect individual liberties like freedom of speech and religion.

3. Benjamin Franklin said the sun on Washington's chair was _____, meaning the new country was just beginning to grow.

Answer: B) Rising

At the end of the Constitutional Convention, Franklin used the 'Rising Sun' as a symbol of hope for the nation's future.

4. The Great Compromise created two parts of Congress. How did this help both big and small states feel happy?

Answer: C) It balanced power based on people and states

The bicameral legislature (Senate and House) allowed for both equal representation and representation based on population.

5. Before the Constitution, the colonies had a set of rules called the Articles of Confederation that made the central government very strong.

Answer: B) False

The Articles of Confederation actually made the central government very weak, which is why the Constitution was needed.

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6. The Constitution is like a _____ for our country, showing us how to build a fair and working government.

Answer: B) Blueprint

Commonly described as a blueprint, the Constitution provides the structural framework for the U.S. government.

7. During the Whiskey Rebellion, George Washington led soldiers to show that citizens must follow the laws. Why was this important?

Answer: A) To prove the new government was strong

Washington's response to the rebellion demonstrated that the federal government had the power to enforce its laws.

8. Abigail Adams wrote letters asking leaders to 'Remember the Ladies' when they were making new laws for the country.

Answer: A) True

Abigail Adams famously advocated for women's rights during the formation of the new American government.

9. The first three words of the Constitution are 'We the _____,' showing that the people are the ones in charge.

Answer: B) People

The Preamble emphasizes popular sovereignty—the idea that the government's power comes from the citizens.

10. The Northwest Ordinance was a rule about new land. It was very special because it said that in those new places:

Answer: A) Slavery would not be allowed

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 was a landmark law that prohibited slavery in the new territories of the Great Lakes region.