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Answer Key: Think You Know Who Made the Rules? A 2nd Grade Founder's Challenge

It's not just about old documents—connect the classroom rules you use today to the secret meetings that built the United States.

1. The Constitution is a special set of rules for our country. Where did the leaders meet to write it?

Answer: B) Independence Hall in Philadelphia

State leaders met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at Independence Hall to discuss how the new government should work.

2. The very first words of the Constitution are 'We the ____.'

Answer: B) People

The writers used the words 'We the People' to show that the citizens are the ones who give the government its power.

3. True or False: The Constitution is often called the 'Supreme Law of the Land' because no other law is higher than it.

Answer: A) True

The Constitution is the most important set of laws in the United States, and all other rules must follow it.

4. Benjamin Franklin was one of the oldest people at the meeting. What did he call the sun carved on the back of the leader's chair?

Answer: C) A rising sun

Franklin said it was a 'rising sun' because he believed the new United States was just beginning to grow and be successful.

5. The Constitution created ____ branches of government so that no one person had too much power.

Answer: B) Three

The founders built three parts (branches) of government to make sure they worked together and stayed fair.

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6. True or False: George Washington was the person who took the most notes and is called the 'Father of the Constitution.'

Answer: B) False

James Madison is actually known as the 'Father of the Constitution' because he arrived early with many ideas and took detailed notes.

7. What do we call the first ten changes, or additions, made to the Constitution to protect our freedoms?

Answer: C) The Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights was added to make sure the government could never take away basic rights like freedom of speech.

8. To keep the meeting a secret, the leaders kept the _____ closed even though it was a very hot summer.

Answer: B) Windows

They closed the windows so that people outside couldn't overhear their private debates about the new laws.

9. True or False: Abigail Adams wrote letters to her husband John, asking the leaders to 'remember the ladies' when making new laws.

Answer: A) True

Abigail Adams was an important thinker who reminded the leaders to think about women's rights in the new republic.

10. Which of these is a right protected by the Bill of Rights?

Answer: B) The right to free speech

Free speech means you have the right to share your ideas and opinions, which is a key part of the Bill of Rights.