

***Understanding the Constitution: Introduction, Chapters 1-3***  
**Government, Independence, and Confederation**

1. The authors call the United States Constitution a "guarantor" *not* a "grantor" of our liberties. What is the difference between a guarantor and a grantor? Why does it matter in understanding the Constitution? After researching this question, give your answer below in 5-7 sentences.

2. According to the authors, what is the best guarantee that our constitutional freedoms will be protected in America?

3. What are the three institutions created by God?

4. "Christians are only obligated to obey righteous governments." Why is this statement true or false? Answer in 3-5 sentences.

5. The authors say that "Christians may only disobey that portion of the law that violates their faith." Describe an example from the Bible where a person (or group of people) disobeyed a human authority's rule because it would have required them to disobey God. How did they respond to their authority? What happened because of their choice to disobey? Answer in 3-5 sentences.

6. Describe the relationship between the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Why is the Declaration important to understanding the Constitution? Answer in 3-5 sentences.

7. How do the authors define "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God?"

8. Describe the concept of equality in the Declaration of Independence. How does that understanding of equality differ from what many understand equality to mean today? Answer in 3-5 sentences.

9. What do the authors say is the "central idea" of the Declaration of Independence?

10. Name one power that the national Congress had under the Articles of Confederation.

Name one structural flaw of the national government under the Articles of Confederation.