

Understanding the Constitution: Introduction, Chapter 5

The Constitution and Convention, Part 2

1. Describe what the “full faith and credit” doctrine is. What dangers do the authors think might arise from this doctrine in a society that no longer looks to God for its morality? Give some specific examples of where you see these dangers becoming reality.

2. What are the two Constitutional requirements for new states to enter the Union? Do you think these requirements would prevent the District of Columbia (where the US Capital is) from becoming a state? Why or why not?

3. What are the two ways the Founders provided for the Constitution to be amended?

4. Some people believe that a Supreme Court justice's religious beliefs disqualify him or her from serving as a Supreme Court justice. Based on what you read in this week's reading, does the Constitution agree or disagree with that view?

5. Name two reasons the Subscription Clause is important to understanding the foundations of the Constitution.

6. "George Mason is the true father of the Bill of Rights." Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement.

7. How many letters make up the *The Federalist Papers*? Name the three men who wrote them.

8. Which of the three branches of government did the writers of *The Federalist* think would be the weakest? What did the writers think that branch would be responsible for doing in the new government?

9. John Adams said that the Constitution was made only for:

- a) a healthy and wealthy people
- b) a moral and religious people
- c) a wild and free people

10. What are the five important differences that the authors note between the Constitution and the Bible?

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