

TROOP 658
CONSTITUTION CHEAT SHEET
(A FIRST CLASS REQUIREMENT)

Constitution = **is the highest law in the USA.**
= **describes our form of government.**
= **“3” sections; preamble, articles, amendments.**

1. Preamble = Introduction.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America
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2. Articles = Describes our form of government

- **“3” parts; executive, legislative and judicial.**
 - **EXECUTIVE BRANCH is the president and vice president and his secretaries.**
 - **Role is to make sure the laws are followed.**
 - **Secretaries include department of defense, homeland security, Education...**
 - **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate.**
 - **Role is to make laws**
 - **2 senators from each state**
 - **435 representatives, number from each state depends on population of the state**
 - **JUDICIAL BRANCH**
 - **Role is to interpret the law.**
 - **Includes the all Federal and the Supreme Court.**
 - **Whatever the Supreme Court says in final.**

3. Amendments = Laws and rights

- **First 10 are called the Bill of Rights (part of the original constitution)**
 - **1st Freedom of religion and free “political speech”**
 - **2nd Right to own guns**
- **The remaining 17 were added later.**
 - **13th Abolished slavery**
 - **19th Gives women the right to vote.**