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Social Studies Ch. 11 Study Guide

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What term describes the system by which each branch of the government can limit the power of the other two branches? Checks and balances
2. Which power is shared by the national government and state governments? Collecting taxes
3. What event in 1920 helped ensure that all people were represented in the nation's democracy? The 19th amendment gave women the right to vote.
4. All citizens have the responsibility to protect the rights of individuals, to respect the rule of law, and to uphold the Constitution.  What is this system of beliefs called? The American Creed
5. What symbol of the United States is honored in the national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner"? the American flag
6. What do citizens express when they say the Pledge of Allegiance or sing "The Star Spangled Banner"? patriotism
7. As part of the naturalization process, people must take an oath to defend the Constitution.  What does the word "naturalization" mean in the sentence above? The process of becoming a legal citizen of the U.S.
8. What was the main goal of the Civil Rights movement? Equal treatment for all citizens under the law
9. After you have identified a problem, what is the second step of taking action as a responsible citizen? Learn about the problem and pick the best solution

CLOZE TEST

1. In a democracy, the people rule by making choices about their lives and government.
2. The American government is based on the ideal that all people have certain rights that the majority cannot take away.
3. Citizens of the United States have a responsibility to respect the rule of law.
4. The federal government has the power to raise money to defend the United States.
5. Our American constitutional democracy is based on the principle of individual liberty.

SHORT ANSWER

1. Why did the writers of the Constitution specifically define the powers of the national government? They wanted to make sure that the central government was not too powerful.
2. Why do the President, members of Congress, and federal judges take an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States? The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of our land which all other laws must also follow and makes our government a republic.
3. "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, [and] for the people."  -The American's Creed by William Tyler Page  What important ideal do these words express? Governments get their powers from the permission of the people they govern.
4. How are the songs "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" alike? They are alike because they show patriotism and encourage national unity.
5. How did the Civil Rights Act of 1964 help to secure people's liberty in the United States? The law says that all people have the right to enjoy public places and services, people may not be disqualified from position based on race, gender, ethnicity, or religion, and that all people are entitled to equal treatment under the law.