*Read “Creators of the Constitution” from your packet. When you are finished reading, answer the following questions using complete sentences.*

1. Explain why the government under the Articles of Confederation had no power.
2. What happened at the Annapolis Convention of 1786?
3. Name and then briefly describe the various plans introduced at the Constitutional Convention in 1787.
4. Name and describe the compromise solution decided upon at the Constitutional Convention.

*Read the section entitled “What is the United States Constitution,” then answer the following questions using complete sentences.*

1. Why did the Articles of Confederation define a weak central government for the new country?
2. Explain why you think the inability of the government under the Articles to collect taxes was a problem.
3. What solution was proposed to address the weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation?
4. What is a “Constitution?”

*Read the section entitled “The Articles of the Constitution,” then answer the following questions using complete sentences.*

1. Describe the organization of the Constitution.
2. What six reasons are given in the preamble to explain why the Constitution is written?
3. Why do you think the authors of the Constitution put different term limits for each different office?
4. Why do you think the power to create new states was given to Congress instead of the President or the Courts?

*Read “Branches of Government” from your packet. When you are finished reading, answer the following questions using complete sentences.*

1. Why was the Constitution written with three branches of government?
2. How does the Constitution try to prevent a president from becoming too powerful?
3. What parts help stop Congress from passing unreasonable laws?
4. Explain the difference between “state law” and “federal law.”
5. What is the purpose of the Judicial Branch?

*Read “The Constitution and Branches of Government” from your packet. When you are finished reading, answer the following questions using complete sentences.*

1. Explain the meaning of the term “bicameral.”
2. How many U.S. Representatives are there, and how are they chosen?
3. How many U.S. Senators are there, and how are they chosen?
4. How many Supreme Court Justices are there, and how are they chosen?
5. Why do you think the Constitution requires all tax bills to start in the House of Representatives?

*Read “The Bill of Rights” from your packet. When you are finished reading, answer the following questions using complete sentences.*

1. Explain why some states were at first opposed to the Constitution.
2. Why did Thomas Jefferson not take part in the creation of the Constitution?
3. How did the Bill of Rights make adoption of the Constitution easier?
4. Which amendment in the Bill of Rights is important to you, and why?