



## BUILDING VOCABULARY *The Constitution*

### A. Completion

Select the term or name that best completes the sentence.

electoral college  
legislative  
elastic clause  
amendments

judicial review  
judiciary  
executive  
preamble

1. The Constitution's opening statement, which explains its purpose, is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The House of Representatives and the Senate comprise the \_\_\_\_\_ branch of government.
3. The system used for electing the president of the United States is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the implied power of the Supreme Court to declare laws unconstitutional.
5. Clauses added to the Constitution to address specific issues are known as \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Matching

Match the definition in the second column with the term or terms in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| _____ 1. executive      | a. presidential rejection of a bill         |
| _____ 2. Bill of Rights | b. the act of officially adopting           |
| _____ 3. impeach        | c. provision giving Congress implied powers |
| _____ 4. veto           | d. branch headed by the U.S. president      |
| _____ 5. elastic clause | e. first ten amendments                     |
| _____ 6. ratification   | f. to accuse an official of wrongdoing      |

### C. Writing

Write a paragraph summarize several key amendments using the following terms:

search and seizure

speedy and public trial

poll tax