**Federal Government Review Part 2**

Directions: Answer the following questions below. You may work with a partner to discuss your answers. Please place your answers in complete sentences. This section of the review is mandatory and is worth 10 points.

1. The US Constitution has approximately 10 different articles. Yet article 1 is the biggest. **What do you think is the main purpose of article 1?**  Why is it the biggest of all the articles?
2. **What does federalism mean**? Why do you think the US has this style of government where powers are shared between different levels of government?
3. The Articles of Confederation was the first Constitution of the United States. Yet, it failed. **Why did the Articles of Confederation not work?** Explain in a few sentences?
4. When the Constitution was created, the founding fathers decided that the best way to protect the new country was to create a type of government that had lots of **checks and balances** built within it. Why?
5. **What do you think is the main role and responsibilities of the Executive Branch of the United States?** Explain at least three key responsibilities of the president in our system of government.
6. When the United States Constitution was written, the founding fathers thought that it was a good idea to put in **a necessary and proper clause**. What does this clause allow the government to do?
7. The founding fathers were worried that if there was a national government in the new country, that it would become too powerful. So, their solution was to create a federal government that had “limited” powers**. What did they mean by “limited” government powers?**
8. We often think that the president of the United States is the most powerful branch of the US government. Yet, in many ways it is not**. Explain in a few sentences why the president of the United States may not be more powerful and perhaps even weaker than either the legislative or the judicial branches?**
9. Describe **any two checks** that the United States Congress has on the United States president. Explain them in a few sentences below.
10. The terms **“checks and balances” and “separation of powers”** do not mean that same thing. What do you think these terms mean? How are they different from each other? (see your vocab definitions to help you with this answer)
11. **List and describe two special roles/functions** of Congress that are specific to the House of Representatives and/or the Senate?
12. What are **the qualifications** that are necessary to become a member of the House or Senate?
13. **What is your favorite or most interesting section, power or article given to the federal government by the Constitution**? Why did you choose the one you did?
14. What is your **favorite part of the US Constitution OR an interesting fact** that you did not know before but that you learned from this unit?