

LESSON 6

from **The Constitution of the United States** (government document)

(Preamble)

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, **insure** domestic **Tranquility**, provide for the common defence, 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.

—Article I—

Section 1

All legislative Powers **herein** granted shall be **vested** in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2

- 1: The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications **requisite** for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.
- 2: No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

- 3: Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual **Enumeration** shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every **subsequent** Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.
- 4: When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.
- 5: The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the **sole** Power of Impeachment.

• • • Exercise 1: Context Clues

Read the passage above, paying special attention to the words in dark type. These are the Master Words you will study in this lesson. As you read, look for context clues in the sentences and paragraphs around each Master Word. Circle any words and phrases that give clues to the meaning of the Master Words.

Master Words

Place a check by words you feel you know; underline words you don't know.

enumeration

insure

requisite

subsequent

vest

herein

ordain

sole

tranquility

welfare