

NORTH DAKOTA ADOPTS A CONSTITUTION

COMPLETION

Fill in the blank with the term being defined.

- _____ 1a. List the four states that were admitted together in 1889.
- _____ 1b.
- _____ 1c.
- _____ 1d.

- _____ 2. Law that authorizes territories to organize state governments

- _____ 3. Number of words in the North Dakota Constitution

- _____ 4. City that wanted to become the state capitol and voted against the North Dakota Constitution in protest

- _____ 5. An issue in the election that attracted more voters than did the constitution

- _____ 6a. Amendments to the North Dakota Constitution may come from two sources.
- _____ 6b.

- _____ 7. Thirteen subdivisions of the North Dakota Constitution

- _____ 8. Date of the only constitutional convention held since 1889

- _____ 9. Established the pattern for the admission of new states

- _____ 10. The most common source of proposals to amend the North Dakota Constitution

- _____ 11. Population of North Dakota at the time of the constitutional convention

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TRUE OR FALSE

Mark T for True and F for False.

- _____ 1. The Enabling Act for North Dakota statehood was approved in 1789.
- _____ 2. The railroads operating in the Dakota Territory opposed statehood.
- _____ 3. The Enabling Act ordered the state to provide for public schools open to all children of the state.
- _____ 4. Grand Forks wanted the state capitol moved from Bismarck.
- _____ 5. The main reason the constitution created a number of colleges was to guarantee everybody a chance to get a college degree.
- _____ 6. Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation that made North Dakota a state.
- _____ 7. The North Dakota Constitution is shorter than the U.S. Constitution.
- _____ 8. The most common method used for proposing amendments to the constitution is through the legislature.
- _____ 9. Republicans outnumbered Democrats in the constitutional convention.
- _____ 10. The U.S. Constitution and the Enabling Act both required that the state have a “republican” form of government.

NORTH DAKOTA ADOPTS A CONSTITUTION**SELECTIVE ANSWERING****2**

Circle the **LETTERS** of the correct answers in each grouping.

1. Among the states admitted to the Union with North Dakota were:
 - A. Minnesota
 - B. South Dakota
 - C. Idaho
 - D. Washington
 - E. Oregon

2. The steps involved in the process by which North Dakota became a state:
 - A. A convention met to draft a constitution.
 - B. A constitution was sent to Congress for approval.
 - C. Congress passed an “enabling act.”
 - D. A North Dakota-South Dakota joint commission divided property.
 - E. People voted on a state constitution.

3. The following statements describe the North Dakota Constitution:
 - A. It is divided into articles and sections.
 - B. It is divided into chapters and paragraphs.
 - C. It has around 54,000 words.
 - D. It was barely adopted by 200 votes.
 - E. It places a number of institutions in specific cities.

4. Amendments to the North Dakota Constitution can be submitted to a vote of the people by:
 - A. The state supreme court.
 - B. Proclamation of the governor.
 - C. A petition signed by at least 4% of the population.
 - D. A majority of both houses of the legislature.
 - E. The state Industrial Commission.

NORTH DAKOTA ADOPTS A CONSTITUTION**2****VOCABULARY BUILDING**

Below are a number of terms used in Chapter 2. Look them up in a dictionary to discover their general meaning. Then explain in a few words why they are used in Chapter 2.

TERM	DICTIONARY DEFINITION	WHY USED IN CHAPTER 2?
1. constitution		
2. Enabling Act		
3. prohibition		
4. proclamation		
5. article		
6. section		
7. franchise		
8. amendment		
9. enact		
10. petition		

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QUESTION FORMATION EXERCISE

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Using information given in the text, make a question for each group of words.

Examples:

A. 27,441

What is the number of votes cast for the North Dakota Constitution?

B. Move capitol

What did the counties from northeastern North Dakota want to do in the convention?

1. 13 articles

2. Northern Pacific Railroad

3. Enabling Act

4. Joint Commission

5. 4% of the population

6. November 2, 1889

7. Limit power of the legislature

8. Benjamin Harrison

CONTENTS OF CONSTITUTIONS

Constitutions should contain only the long-lasting principles of policy and governmental structure. Things that change regularly should be left to the legislature. It is sometimes difficult to decide what should be in a constitution and what should be left to the legislature. Here are some issues to consider. What would you do with each? Defend each decision in 25 words or less.

1. Limiting the state sales tax to 6%

___ Constitution	___ Legislature
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2. Guaranteeing a clean environment

___ Constitution	___ Legislature
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3. Providing for a state land board to manage state-owned land

___ Constitution	___ Legislature
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4. Dedicating all property taxes for the support of education

___ Constitution	___ Legislature
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5. Requiring persons convicted of crimes to serve all of their sentences in prison

___ Constitution	___ Legislature
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6. Setting a two-year limit on families getting welfare

___ Constitution	___ Legislature
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