

READING

THE

CONSTITUTION

1. the constitution is divided into three main parts
2. they are the Preamble, the articles and the amendments
3. the purpose of the Preamble is to introduce the fundamental purposes and guiding principles of which the constitution is expected to serve
4. there are seven articles in the constitution. Many of them have several sections.
 5. article three - united states court system
 6. article six - the nation's debts and upholding the constitution
 7. article one - the lawmaking body of the government
 8. article seven - what must be done for the constitution to be law (ratification)
 9. article two - explains the duties of the President
 10. article five - allows for changes to be made in the constitution (amendment)
 11. article four - tells what the states, and federal government can do
12. there are 27 amendments in the constitution
13. the constitution is a usable document today because we've amended the constitution to fit our needs
14. the article allowing for the constitution to be an up to date document is Article five
15. article: a section of the federal constitution by topic
16. amendment: a formal revision/addition to the constitution
17. ratify: to formally approve something

