1) Our Founding Fathers wanted a government that was strong, but not too strong. In order to accomplish this, they set up a government with 3 (note – we are NOT talking about branches of government ... just the levels). Those levels are:

1. Federal (National)
2. State
3. Local (Municipal)

2) The U.S. Constitution was created in the summer of what year? 1787

3) How many men were involved in the Constitutional Convention? 55

4) According to our Founding fathers, why do governments exist?

To protect the rights of people

5) The Constitution says the power to rule the nation comes from the people

6) How many amendments have been made to the US Constitution? 27

7) The first 10 amendments to the US Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights

8) What are the 5 freedoms listed in the 1st Amendment?

1. Freedom of speech
2. Freedom of religion
3. Freedom of the press
4. Freedom to assemble
5. Freedom to petition the government
9) Which amendment gives people the right to trial-by-jury?  
   7th Amendment

10) Which amendment protects people for being tried twice for the same charge?  
    5th Amendment

11) What is the purpose of the 10th Amendment?  
    To give states authority (jurisdiction) over anything not granted to the Federal Government

12) What are the three branches of government?  
    1. Legislative  
    2. Executive  
    3. Judicial

13) What are the 6 governing principles of our nation?  
    1. Popular sovereignty  
    2. A Limited Government  
    3. Separation of Powers  
    4. Checks and Balances  
    5. Judicial Review  
    6. Federalism

14) The Legislative Branch is divided into two chambers: The House of Representatives and the Senate. How is representation different between these two chambers?  
    The House has representation proportional to each state's population.  
    The Senate has each state with equal representation

15) How is the president elected?  
    Electoral College representation

16) How is the president NOT elected?  
    Popular vote
17) Who was the only US Supreme Court justice to come from the Pacific Northwest?

William O. Douglas

What was named in his honor?

William O Douglas Wilderness in the Cascade Mountains

18) How many judges are on the Supreme Court?

9

19) Are Supreme Court justices elected or appointed?

appointed

20) Define “Political Party”

A group of people with similar political ideas who organize to gain and to exercise political power

21) What do you notice about the political party map on page 223?

Most of Western Washington (the coastal region and the Puget Sound lowlands) are Democrat, while most of Eastern Washington is Republican.