

BRITISH AND AMERICAN LIFE AND INSTITUTIONS

1. Name five sources of the British Constitution.
2. Name five Queen's powers under the Royal Prerogative and their practical implementation.
3. What are the functions of the British Parliament?
4. What is the present-day composition of the House of Lords and their powers?
5. What is the present-day composition of the House of Commons and their powers?
6. What are the election rules in the United Kingdom?
7. Name four characteristics of the office of British PM.
8. What are the sources of the English legal system? Explain the differences between the statute and common law.
9. Describe three types of courts in the English and Scottish legal systems.
10. Describe the legal professions of the English legal system.
11. Describe the Commonwealth of Nations in terms of membership, links and governance. What are the major links between the UK and Commonwealth countries? Describe the role of the Queen as the Head of the Commonwealth.
12. Describe the Church of England in terms of structure, governance and differences between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church.
13. Provide four characteristics of British national newspapers.
14. Provide five major characteristics of the BBC
15. What are types of state secondary schools England?
16. List five characteristics of English public schools. Name three famous English public schools.
17. What are the types of universities in the United Kingdom? Characterize one.

18. Define American federalism. Name four powers of the U.S. federal government.
19. Describe the checks and balances system between the three branches of the U.S. federal government.
20. What is the American Bill of Rights?
21. Describe the amending procedure of the U.S. Constitution.
22. Name five presidential powers.
23. Describe the Senate and the House of Representatives in terms of their composition, terms of office and leadership.
24. What are the rules of the presidential elections in the United States?
25. What are the three jurisdictions and composition of the Supreme Court of the United States?

26. List three characteristics of American elementary schools. What are the responsibilities of state boards of education in the United States?
27. What are the four types of U.S. institutions of higher education? Briefly characterize one of them. Provide three characteristics of college education in the United States.
28. Provide four general characteristics of the U.S. media.
29. Name three general characteristics of religious life in the United States.
30. What are the major ethnic groups in American society?
31. List four major highlights of the Civil Rights Movement.

