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1. One of the most important rights and privileges for citizens of the United States is voting. Why is voting so important?

- A. Citizens who vote do not have to pay as many taxes.
- B. It gives citizens the right to decide if they will obey a law.
- C. Citizens who do not vote are breaking the law.
- D. It gives citizens the right to choose people to represent them.

2. One of the freedoms of United States citizens is freedom of speech. Which of the following is the BEST reason why it is important to allow others the right to speak freely?

- A. People like to talk to people.
- B. It is important to hear different viewpoints on issues.
- C. People like to listen to other people.
- D. It is important for people to meet in groups.

3. Federalism is the division of powers between the different levels of government—national, state, and local. Which part of government at the state level enforces the laws?

- A. governor
- B. state legislature
- C. state court
- D. assembly

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Which branch of the government decides if a law is constitutional?

- A. the Executive Branch
- B. the Judicial Branch
- C. the Legislative Branch
- D. the Presidential Branch

5. Citizen participation is an important part of self-government. Which of the following is an example of citizen participation in government?

- A. attending a school
- B. driving a car
- C. owning a business
- D. running for elected office

6. During the Vietnam War, many people gathered in Washington, D.C., to protest the war. This was an example of

- A. freedom of the press.
 - B. freedom of assembly.
 - C. freedom of religion.
 - D. freedom of petition.
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7. Which right is listed in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights?

- A. the right to vote
 - B. the right of assembly
 - C. the right to free housing
 - D. the right to a trial by a jury
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8. The national government of the United States divides the powers between three branches. Which branch is responsible for making the laws?

- A. the international branch
 - B. the executive branch
 - C. the judicial branch
 - D. the legislative branch
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9. The right of people to say what they believe is protected in the Bill of Rights. Which of the following is an example of freedom of speech?

- A. The government decides which church people can attend.
 - B. People can travel freely from one state to another.
 - C. The government decides when people can gather to protest.
 - D. People can state their views on candidates for elected office.
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10. Why is democracy referred to as self-government?

- A. The government runs itself.
- B. People pay for the government themselves.
- C. People choose representatives who make decisions.
- D. The citizens are free to do whatever they want.

Answer Key

1. D) It gives citizens the right to choose people to represent them.
2. B) It is important to hear different viewpoints on issues.
3. A) governor
4. B) the Judicial Branch
5. D) running for elected office
6. B) freedom of assembly.
7. B) the right of assembly
8. D) the legislative branch
9. D) People can state their views on candidates for elected office.
10. C) People choose representatives who make decisions.