

★ THE ★ ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

★ AN OVERVIEW OF THE SEVEN ARTICLES ★

ARTICLE I

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

Gives Congress the power to make laws. It has two parts—the Senate and the House of Representatives.

ARTICLE II

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

Gives the President the power to carry out and enforce the laws. The President is the commander in chief of the military.

ARTICLE III

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH:

Gives the federal courts the power to decide if laws are fair and to settle legal disputes.

ARTICLE IV

RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES:

Explains how states should treat each other. It supports state government and promises protection from invasion.

ARTICLE V

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION:

Explains how changes (amendments) can be made to the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI

SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND:

Says the Constitution, laws, and treaties of the United States are the highest law in the land. All leaders must follow them.

ARTICLE VII

RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION:

Explains how the states agreed to and approved the Constitution.

