



Missouri Constitution

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Think of a question
your classmates
might have about
the Missouri
Constitution.



Students, write your response!



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Facts about our Governor



Our current governor is Mike Parson.

He became our governor after previous governor Eric Greitens resigned.

When a governor cannot complete their term, the lieutenant governor will take their place.

To be governor in Missouri you must have lived in the state for at least TEN years.

The governor serves as liaison (link or connection) between the national government and the state of Missouri.

In times of emergency (our current situation, flooding, tornado, earthquake, etc) the governor can keep order in the area by using military power.

General Facts about Missouri.

Missouri came into the possession of the United States through the Louisiana Purchase.

We purchased this land from France.

The capital of Missouri is Jefferson City.

The only U.S. president from Missouri has been Harry S. Truman. Most famously known for ending WW2 with the use of the atom bomb.





The Courts and Laws

Individuals convicted of a crime can receive commutation meaning that their sentence is reduced or they can receive a pardon which forgives the person of their crime and releases them from jail.

The first court to be able to hear a certain case has ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

The main trial court for Missouri is the circuit court.

Writ of habeas corpus is used by a court to order a person being held by police be brought before the court.

At the arraignment hearing, the accused enter a plea to the charge.

When a court decides whether an action conflicts with the constitution it is setting PRECEDENT.



Our lawmakers and other government officials

The Missouri legislature is called the general assembly.

Both houses of the Missouri legislature have the same political qualifications.

The principle that each house and senate district will have the same number of people is known as ONE MAN- ONE VOTE.

Reapportionment creates new district boundary lines according to the count of the people.

The speaker of the house is the presiding officer.

The state treasurer is responsible for investing state income.

Secretary of state is responsible for preparing election ballots.

The attorney general can give legal advice to other state officials.



Missouri Supreme Court

The Missouri Supreme Court has 7 justices.

The Missouri Supreme Court justices serve for 12 years