

Test 2

1. Complete the text with the correct words.

Britain's _____ is basically unwritten, but has evolved throughout the centuries.

Britain is still a _____, but this has no political importance.

The British Parliament is often called _____, because it sits in the Place of Westminster in London. The two chambers of the British Parliament are called _____ and _____.

Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland have their own parliaments, this is called _____.

The most important person in British political system is the _____.

_____ the current Prime Minister is the 52nd in the UK. The official residence of the Prime Minister is at _____.

2. Name the colours and the symbols of the two main parties of Great Britain.

3. What is the difference between the Constitution of the USA and the one of the UK?

4. Answer the following questions.

a) What is the Bill of Rights?

b) What are the conditions for becoming the President of the USA?

c) What are the main political parties of the USA and their symbols?

5. Choose a suitable form to compare the Parliament, the Head of government and the main political parties of the American and the German political system.

~ Good Luck ~

Test 2 ~ Solution

1. Complete the text with the correct words.

Britain's **Constitution** is basically unwritten, but has evolved throughout the centuries. Britain is still a **monarchy**, but this has no political importance.

The British Parliament is often called **Westminster**, because it sits in the Place of Westminster in London. The two chambers of the British Parliament are called **the House of Commons** and **the House of Lords**.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have their own parliaments, this is called **devolution**.

The most important person in the British political system is the **Prime Minister**. **Gordon Brown**, the current Prime Minister, is the 52nd in the UK. The official residence of the Prime Minister is at **10 Downing Street**.

2. Name the colours and the symbols of the two main parties of Great Britain.

Conservatives

Colour: blue

Symbol: a flaming torch

Labour

Colour: red

Symbol: a red rose

3. What is the difference between the Constitution of the USA and the one of the UK?

The Constitution of the USA is a written document and very important, since it was signed.

But the Constitution of the UK is an unwritten document.

4. Answer the following questions.

a) What is the Bill of Rights?

The Bill of Rights contains the first 10 amendments of the constitution. Those amendments define the basic civil rights and they include for e.g. freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion.

b) What are the conditions for becoming the President of the USA?

For becoming the President of the United States of America, the candidate must be a native-born American citizen, at least 35 years old and have lived for at least 14 years in the USA.

c) What are the main political parties of the USA and their symbols?

the Republicans, symbol: an elephant

the Democrats, symbol: a donkey

5. Choose a suitable form to compare the main facts of the American and the German political system.

	USA	Germany
Parliament	-Congress, House of Parliaments, Senate	-Federal Parliament
Head of government	-President (4 years)	-Federal President (5 years)
Main political parties	-Democrats -Republicans	-CDU/CSU -SPD -FDP -Die Grünen -PDS