**Y12 Homework**

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| 1. What does the person posing the question understand the UK Constitution to be? 2. **Why** did the Founding Fathers establish the US Constitution? 3. What does the US Constitution guarantee? 4. What are the “constitutional arrangements” in the UK? 5. Define the ‘constitution’ 6. What does the constitution **do**? 7. **How and why** is the Fixed Term Parliament Act part of the UK Constitution? 8. What is Parliamentary Sovereignty? 9. What powers does the Queen have in a **de jure** sense? | 1. What do you **think** the phrase the “magic of the crown would be destroyed” means? 2. If the monarch is the **Head of State**, who do you **think** is **Head of Government**? 3. How does the role of the monarch restrict the tyranny of the Prime Minister? 4. What are the arguments (plural!) against writing the Constitution? 5. What parts of the Constitution is written down? 6. What is the executive branch in the UK? 7. What is the legislative branch in the UK? 8. What is the judicial branch in the UK? 9. What is the biggest reason to keep the UK Constitution unwritten? |

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