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Imagine a World...

Directions: Read the scenarios that are described below. Use the reading to complete the short answer questions that follow each scenario. After you have finished your work for all of the scenarios, answer the extended answer question at the end of the worksheet.

Scenario #1 – Imagine if there was no constitution.

Imagine if the United States did not have a constitution. There would still be a U.S. government. The government would still create laws and enforce them. But the government would not have set rules about how it is organized or how it functions.

What problems would be created in this scenario?

How are these problems avoided in the United States?

Scenario #2 – Imagine if there was more than one constitution.

Imagine if the United States had more than one constitution. There would still be a United States government. There would be set rules about how the government is organized and how it functions. But there is more than one constitution that describes these rules.

What problems would be created in this scenario?

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Scenario #3 – Imagine if there was an unwritten constitution.

Imagine if the United States had a constitution, but it was not written down. There would be one constitution that describes how the government is organized and how it functions. But its rules would not be written down.

What problems would be created in this scenario?

How are these problems avoided in the United States?

Scenario #4 – Imagine if there was a constitution that did not limit the power of government or protect individual rights.

Imagine if the United States that had a constitution that was written down, but it did nothing to limit the power of government or protect individual rights. There would be a written constitution that describes how the government is organized and how it functions. But the constitution would give the government the power to make any law it needed or wanted.

What problems would be created in this scenario?

How are these problems avoided in the United States?

Extended Answer Question - Why did the founding fathers think it was necessary to have a written constitution for their new government?