



Name _____ ANSWER KEY

Date _____ Class _____



ACTIVITY: Constitutional Timeline

Directions: Fill out each table with information from its corresponding constitution to see how North Carolina's laws have changed overtime.

1776 CONSTITUTION

Who could vote?	Who could serve in the Senate?	Who could serve in the House?	Governor
<p>Senate: men over 21 who have lived in one county for at least a year and have owned fifty acres of land for at least six months</p> <p>House of Commons: men over 21 who have lived in one county for at least a year and have paid public taxes</p>	<p>Men living in the county in which he is running and owning at least 300 acres of land for at least a year</p>	<p>Men living in the county in which he is running for at least a year and owning at least 100 acres of land for at least six months</p>	Appointed or elected? Appointed by the General Assembly
			Term length/limits? One year term with a three-year limit within six years
			Age/Property At least 30 years old, holds land valued at 1,000 pounds and has lived in NC for 5 years

1835 CONSTITUTION

Who could vote?	Who could serve in the Senate?	Who could serve in the House?	Governor
<p>Senate: free men over 21 who have lived in one county for at least a year and have owned fifty acres of land for at least six months</p> <p>House of Commons: free men over 21 who have lived in one county for at least a year and have paid public taxes</p>	<p>Men living in the county in which he is running and owning at least 300 acres of land for at least a year</p>	<p>Men living in the county in which he is running for at least a year and owning at least 100 acres of land for at least six months</p>	Appointed or elected? Elected by popular vote
			Term length/limits? One year term with a three-year limit within six years
			Age/Property At least 30 years old, holds land valued at 1,000 pounds and has lived in NC for 5 years

1868 CONSTITUTION

Who could vote?	Who could serve in the Senate?	Who could serve in the House?	Governor
Male citizens who are at least 21 years old, have lived in NC for at least one year, and have lived in their registered county for at least one month	Men at least 25 years old living in the state for at least two years and in the district in which he is running for at least a year	Men who are allowed to vote in the state and who have resided in the county in which they are running for at least one year	Appointed or elected? Elected by popular vote
			Term length/limits? Four-year term within eight years
			Age/Property At least 30 years old, US citizen for 5 years, and NC resident for 2 years

1971 CONSTITUTION

Who could vote?	Who could serve in the Senate?	Who could serve in the House?	Governor
Any US citizen at least 18 years old	Anyone at least 25 years old living in the state for at least two years and in the district in which they are running for at least a year	Anyone allowed to vote in the state and who has resided in the county in which they are running for at least one year	Appointed or elected? Elected by popular vote
			Term length/limits? Four-year term within eight years
			Age/Property At least 30 years old, US citizen for 5 years, and NC resident for 2 years