

The Constitution of the Iroquois Nations

1. What is the name of the tree? _____

2. How many nations are in the confederacy? _____

3. In what direction have the roots spread?

4. What conditions must be met in order to take shelter under the tree?

What can you infer about the status of a person or group of persons if they are welcomed to take shelter beneath the tree of the Long Leaves?

5. What is atop the tree? _____

6. Who is responsible for taking care of the council fire? _____

7. When there is business to be transacted, how will the others know?

8. Why should chestnut wood not be used at the council fire?

9. What must Adodarhoh do to keep the space about the council fire clean?

10. How is the Council of the Mohawk divided?

11. Who are the heads and leaders of the Five Nations Confederacy?

12. What condition must be met for the decision of the Confederate Lords to be legal?

13. How is the council opened?

14. Can the council continue work after dark? _____

15. Who opens and closes the Council of the Confederate Lords? _____

16. Describe the procedures under which business is done.

17. When a case comes before the Firekeepers for discussion and decision, who confirms or refuses to confirm a decision not unanimously agreed upon by both sides? _____

18. Can a question be asked of the Confederate Lords when they are discussing a case? _____

19. A speaker of the day can only come from which 3 nations?

20. Can a foreigner have any kind of voice in the Confederate Council? _____

21. Describe the Rights, duties, and Qualifications of Lords:

22. If a Confederate Lord neglects or refuses to attend the Confederate Council, what happens?

23. What happens if a Confederate Lord is not mindful of the welfare of the people or breaks a law?

24. What can you infer about the meaning of the words of the “brightness of the sun’s light” when a Lord is deposed?

25. Why do you think the War Chief gives the emblem and title of Lordship back to the women? (Inference based on earlier information).
