

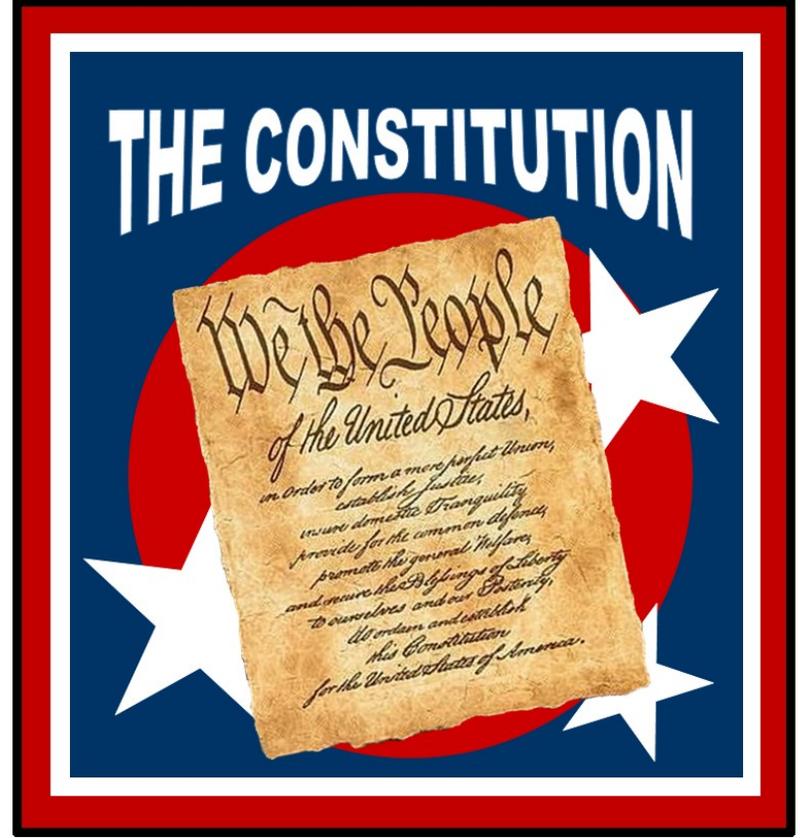
THE CONSTITUTION

Memorize the Preamble

We the People of the United States,

in Order to form a more perfect Union,
establish Justice, insure domestic
Tranquility, provide for the common
defense, promote the general Welfare,
and secure the Blessings of Liberty to
ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain
and establish this Constitution for the
United States of America.

Social Studies 4 - The U.S. Constitution



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Special printing instructions: Print pages 2,4 and 3,4 on "both sides," "fit," and "flip on short edge."

The Constitution is a document that describes the laws and rules that protect the citizens of the United States.

On May 25, 1787, **the Framers** (a group of 55 well educated men) met in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to debate the terms to be included in the Constitution for the United States of America.

They argued a lot before coming to an agreement about the laws and rules that would apply to the people and government of the United States.

The Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. By 1791, all 13 states had ratified (voted for) the Constitution.

THE CONSTITUTION MATCH GAME

Study the cards. Separate them into two piles: scroll cards and picture cards. Pair them up (they are color-coded) to learn about the 7 articles and the preamble. When you know them well, play the MATCH GAME.

To play:

1. Separate the cards into two piles: picture cards and scroll cards.
2. Turn the cards face down and place them on the table in 4 columns of 4 cards. The first 2 columns are scroll cards. The last 2 columns are picture cards.
3. Take turns flipping one card from the left 2 columns and reading the top line on the card. Then flip one card from the right 2 columns and read the top of the card. If they are a match, keep the cards. If not, flip them face down.
4. Keep playing until all cards have been matched. The winner is the player with the most cards.

PREAMBLE

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Article 1

CONGRESS

HOUSE

SENATE

Congress has the power to:

- Write and pass laws
- Borrow money for the U.S.
- Declare War

Article 2

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT & CABINET MEMBERS

- Upholds the law
- Can propose new laws
- Can veto laws Congress wants to pass

Article 3

SUPREME COURT

APPEALS COURT

DISTRICT COURT

- Explains the laws
- Decides if laws are constitutional

Article 4

- Protects people from foreign or domestic violence
- Determines how states can join the Union
- States are equal to one another.
- States should respect each other's laws.

Article 5

There are two steps to change the Constitution

1. **Propose:**
Congress asks for a new rule or law
2. **Ratify:**
3/4 of the states have to vote yes

Article 6

THE CONSTITUTION IS THE LAW OF THE U.S.A.

All U.S. governments must agree to support the Constitution.

Article 7

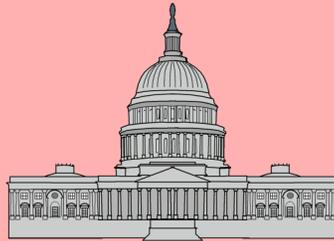
3/4 of the states have to vote yes, to make a change to the Constitution

**THE OPENING
PARAGRAPH OF
THE CONSTITUTION**

We the
People



**Legislative
Power**



MAKES THE LAWS

**Executive
Power**



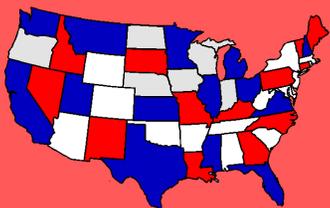
**MANAGES DAY TO DAY
OPERATIONS**

**Judicial
Power**



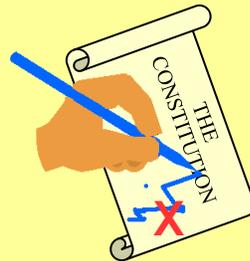
INTERPRETS THE LAWS

**The States'
Powers**



**RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE STATES AND
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Amendments
to the
Constitution**



**FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN
CHANGE OR IMPROVE THE
CONSTITUTION**

**Federal
Power**



**THE CONSTITUTION IS THE
SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND**

Ratification

(Ratify means to make something official by voting for it.)



**GETTING THE CONSTITUTION
ACCEPTED BY THE STATES**

