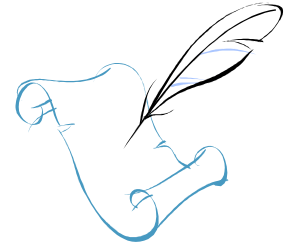




THE U.S. CONSTITUTION: A Selective List of Resources for K-12 Students and Teachers



- Freedman, R. (2003). *In defense of liberty: The story of America's Bill of Rights*. New York: Holiday House.
Describes the origins, applications of, and challenges to the ten amendments to the United States Constitution that comprise the Bill of Rights.
- Feinberg, B. S. (1999). *The dictionary of the U.S. Constitution*. Franklin Watts.
A dictionary of terms and concepts related to the U.S. Constitution and to the Supreme Court decisions which have interpreted it.
- Fradin, D. B. (2005). *The founders---the 39 stories behind the U.S. Constitution*. Walker & Company.
Provides an overview of Constitutional history with short biographies of the 39 men who created and signed the Constitution in 1787.
- Fritz, J. (1987). *Shh! We're writing the Constitution*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons.
Describes how the Constitution came to be written and ratified. Also includes the full text of the document produced by the Constitutional Convention of 1787.
- Johnson, L.C. (1992). *Our Constitution*. Brookfield, Connecticut: The Millbrook Press.
Describes the creation of the document which sets out the rules of government for our country.
- Mabie, M.C.J. (1987). *The Constitution: Reflection of a changing nation*. New York: Henry Holt and Company.
Presents the text of the Constitution and examines its origins, ratification, and amendments and how the document reflects the changing character of the nation.
- McDonald, F. (1970). *Enough wise men: The story of our Constitution*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons.
Tells the story of a group of extraordinary men—some wise, but others foolish, proud, selfish—and those wise enough to bring the Constitution into being in 1787.
- Morris, R.B. (1958). *The first book of the Constitution*. New York: Franklin Watts, Inc.
Gives an overview of the history and events leading to the ratification of the Constitution, and concludes with a simplified outline of the document.

- Nardo, D. (2005). *The creation of the U.S. Constitution*. Greenhaven Press.
Provides an overview of Constitutional history in the United States using excerpts from primary sources such as speeches, books, and magazine articles.
- Nardo, D. (2002). *The U.S. Constitution*. Kidhaven Press.
Discusses the development and ratification of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights and their influences around the world.
- Sobel, S. (2001). *The U.S. Constitution and you*. Barron's Educational Series.
Explains how the U.S. Constitution works, describing the three branches of the government, checks and balances, amendments, and the rights of the people of the states, and compares the rights of the people in the United States to those of other countries.
- Teitelbaum, M. (2005). *The U.S. Constitution*. Child's World.
Presents an introduction to the Constitution, explaining how and why it came to be written, and discussing the preamble and articles, as well as the amendments made since its adoption.
- Williams, J. K. (2004). *The U.S. Constitution*. Compass Point Books.
Historical photographs and engravings teach young readers about the history and origins of the United States Constitution.

Webliography

Ben's guide to U.S. Government for kids: History of the Constitution

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/6-8/documents/constitution/background.html>

Features of this site include Constitution Convention trivia, the drafting of the document's central articles, the order of the ratification by states, and the subsequent amendments. Suitable for grades 3 to 12.

Biographies of the Founding Fathers: The signers of the U.S. Constitution

<http://www.colonialhall.com/biousec.asp>

Part of the Colonial Hall Web site, which focuses on the lives and accomplishments of America's founding fathers, this site provides biographies of the signers of the U.S. Constitution. Suitable for grades 3 to 12.

National Constitution Center

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/explore/ForKids/>

Part of the National Constitution Center Web site, this section is designed to help young people fully understand the living legacy of the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Suitable for grades 3 to 12.