Constitution Day
Printables

The People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, Insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, 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.
The following pages contain activities for you to use in your home or classroom when learning about the Constitution.

- Trivia Questions
- a poster of the Preamble
- Constitution Word Find
- Make a word
- Correct the paragraph
- Preamble Unscramble
- Print and cursive copywork of the Preamble
- Make your own preamble
- Proofread and correct {there are 10 punctuation, spelling, and capitalization errors to find}.
- In Your Own Words - explain the phrases of the Preamble
- Write a short story: have your child write a fictional account about the historic signing.

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In Your Own Words…

Use your own words to write down what these phrases from the Preamble to the Constitution mean.

To form a more perfect union: _____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Establish justice: _______________________________________________________________________
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Insure domestic tranquility: ______________________________________________________________
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Provide for the common defence: __________________________________________________________
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Promote the general welfare: ______________________________________________________________
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Secure the blessings of liberty: ____________________________________________________________
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To ourselves and our posterity: ____________________________________________________________
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Do ordain and establish: __________________________________________________________________
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Our Constitution

Find and circle the ten mistakes in the paragraphs about the Constitution.

Over two hundred year ago, a convention began in the city of Philadelphia. George Washington, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and Benjamin Franklin were a few of the fifty five men that gathered at this meeting. The men voted George Washington to be the leader of the convention. James Madison wrote down everything that was said during the convention.

The men worked together to create a plan and rules for the government to follow. These rules, or the Constitution, established three branches of government: executive, legislative, and judicial. The executive branch talks about the office of president and vice-president. The legislative branch is called Congress. It includes the House of Representatives and the Senate. The judicial branch makes sure that the laws agree with what the Constitution says. The highest court in the land is the Supreme Court.

On September 17, 1787, the Constitution was signed by thirty nine men. Copies were then sent to all of the state governments. It needed to be approved in each state before it could become law. Delaware was the first state to approve the new Constitution. By may of 1790 all thirteen states ratified the Constitution.

The Constitution is now the oldest set of rules still in use for running a country. The thirteen states have grown to fifty states, and the Constitution has served as the foundation for our government for over two hundred years.
Constitution Word Find

C O E L E C T O R E C
M I S N E L E L T P O
R A T O R T H E R T N
V C Z I A V O P I C S
H O G N Z I E V G H T
L S E U S E Z M H S I
I S S D N P N R T S T
O E B S V L E G S P U
T R R E S I D E N T T
D G M H U A R V G A I
E N B A R T I C L E O
P O L U P G A P C G N
N C E L B M A E R P G
R Z E L P O E P N D V

Can you find the following words?

- Article
- Constitution
- President
- Clause
- Senate
- Congress
- People
- Vote
- Union
- Citizen
- Preamble
- Rights
- Elector

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Constitution of the United States

How many words can you create using the letters above? Set a timer for _____ minutes and go!

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Preamble Unscramble

Unscramble the lines below that are a part of the Preamble to the Constitution and write them in the correct order on the lines below.

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establish Justice,

promote the general Welfare,

do ordain and establish

of the United States,

for the United States of America.

insure domestic Tranquility,

to ourselves and our Posterity,

provide for the common defence,

in Order to form a more perfect Union,

this Constitution

and secure the Blessings of Liberty
We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, 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.
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Pretend you are a bystander at the signing of the Constitution. Can you write a short story telling about this historic event?
Use the cards on the following pages to test your knowledge of the Constitution. How many questions can you answer?

Q: How many delegates signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787?
   A: 39

Q: Who was the first person to sign the Constitution?
   A: George Washington

Q: Which state was the first to approve the Constitution?
   A: Delaware

Q: How many amendments does the Constitution have?
   A: 27
Q: How many amendments are in the Bill of Rights?  
A: 10

Q: What date was the Constitution signed?  
A: September 17, 1787

Q: Where was the Constitutional Convention held?  
A: Philadelphia, PA

Q: What date did the Constitutional Convention begin?  
A: May 25, 1787

Q: Who was the leader of the Constitutional Convention?  
A: George Washington

Q: Who took notes during the Constitutional Convention?  
A: James Madison
Q: Who is called the Father of the Constitution?  
A: James Madison

Q: When was the Bill of Rights adopted?  
A: 1791

Q: What state was NOT represented at the Constitutional Convention?  
A: Rhode Island

Q: What person was too weak to sign the Constitution and had to be carried?  
A: Benjamin Franklin

Q: Name the two parts of the Legislative Branch.  
A: Senate and House of Representatives

Q: What is a formal change to the Constitution called?  
A: an amendment
Q: What is the highest law of the land called?
A: the Constitution

Q: What do we call the group of men who met and wrote the Constitution?
A: Framers

Q: What branch of government makes the laws?
A: Legislative

Q: Which branch of government includes the office of President and Vice-President?
A: Executive

Q: What branch of government includes judges and courts?
A: Judicial

Q: Where is the Constitution currently located?
A: the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.