



THE CONSTITUTION ON THE WEB

View the United States Constitution and other historic documents at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The web address is <http://www.archives.gov>.

Explore the story of the Constitution by visiting the National Constitution Center at <http://www.constitutioncenter.org>. The site includes resources for celebrating Constitution Day, which occurs annually on September 17, the day the historic document was signed in 1787.

Visit Independence Historic National Park in Philadelphia and see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed. The web address is <http://www.nps.gov/inde>.

Read the text of the Articles of Confederation, the basis for the Constitution, at <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/confederation.htm>.

Read the text of the Constitution and explanatory notes side by side at the United States Senate website: http://www.senate.gov/civics/constitution_item/constitution.htm.

Teachers can find great resources including lesson plans and quizzes on the Constitution and American history by visiting the Annenberg Classroom website at <http://www.annenbergclassroom.org>.

FURTHER READING ON THE CONSTITUTION

A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution by Carol Berkin. Adult. Published by Harcourt, 2002.

The American National Tree. All ages. Available through the National Constitution Center, www.constitutioncenter.org.

A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution by Betsy and Giulio Maestro. Ages 7- 10. Published by Harper Collins, 1990.

Constitution Translated for Kids by Cathy Travis. Ages 9 – 12. Published by Synergy Books, 2006.

If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution by Elizabeth Levy and Joan Holub. Ages 9 – 12. Published by Scholastic, 1992.

Miracle at Philadelphia: the Story of the Constitutional Convention, May to September, 1787 by Catherine Drinker Bowen. Adult. Published by Atlantic Monthly Press, 1966.

Our Constitution by Justicelearning.org. High school to adult. Available on the web at <http://www.justicetalking.org/store.asp>.

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz and Tomie de Paola. Ages 7-11. Published by Penguin, 1997.

The Summer of 1787: The Men Who Invented the Constitution by David Stewart. Adult. Published by Simon & Schuster, 2007.

The United States Constitution: What It Says, What It Means: A Hip Pocket Guide by Justicelearning.org. High school to adult. Available on the web at <http://www.justicetalking.org/store.asp>.

We The Kids: A Preamble to the United States Constitution by David Catrow. Ages 4-8. Published by Penguin, 2005.

The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution by Linda Monk. High school to adult. Published by Hyperion, 2004.