

TEACHING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION PACKET WORKSHEETS



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CONSTITUTION TEACHING IDEAS

- Give each member of the family a pocket Constitution (decorate it if you like)
- Patriotic Notebook for each child to use for notes, lessons, etc. (decorate if you like)
- Create spelling words from the Constitution
- Spiral Notebook for each person to copy the Constitution in its entirety (a little at a time), and also the Declaration of Independence. Eventually they will have the entire Constitution in their own handwriting (good handwriting practice).
- Keyboarding Practice from Constitution and Declaration of Independence
- Create a Constitution Table/Area (with small flag), with Constitution material, patriotic books, games, puzzles, workbooks, coloring pages, etc.
- Have "Patriotic Day" once a month (maybe on 4th) – focus on liberty/Constitution, patriotic clothes, field trip, patriotic food, music, stories, websites, videos, etc.
- Memorize Preamble to the Constitution
- Article of the Day or Week (break-up in chunks)
- Amendment of the Day or Week
- Writing Prompts about Constitution
- Liberty Library Day: Everyone picks a patriotic book to read
- Recipe short parts of the Constitution (do in a whisper, accent, big voice, etc.)
- Constitution websites / virtual museums / patriotic videos
- Alphabetize Signers of the Constitution
- Constitution A-Z: Everyone flip through Constitution and take turns saying a word starting with letters in order of A-Z (do several times)
- Declaration of Independence A-Z: Everyone flip through the Declaration of Independence and take turns saying a word starting with letters in order of A-Z (do several times)
- Pick & Tell: Everyone pick a part of the Constitution (a sentence, paragraph, amendment, etc.), underline & take turns sharing and discussing
- Bill of Rights in Order (type & cut out – shuffle & put in order)
- Constitution Rhyme Time: Pick an Article or Amendment & read the first word aloud. Everyone comes up with rhymes for that word 'til out of rhymes, then go to next word (read as many as you want). Discuss meaning of what was read.
- Amendment Dice: Roll 2 dice & multiple. Read the Amendment that it equals and discuss it. If you roll a 1 on either dice, read Amendment ONE. Repetition will help to remember them.
- Patriotic Crafts
- Writing Practice: Names of Signers of Constitution & Declaration of Independence by State.
- Play patriotic music around the house and car
- Wear patriotic attire
- Attend liberty events
- Read patriotic stories & watch patriotic movies
- Remember to speak positively about America

BILL OF RIGHTS – *Put in Order*

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Instructions: Copy on card stock, laminate, and cut out right side section. Mix up and place in correct order (beside #'s) to practice learning the Bill of rights (first ten Amendments). Make 2 copies (one for cutting and one for answer key).

1	FREEDOM OF RELIGION, SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND PETITION
2	FREEDOM OF MILITIA AND TO BEAR ARMS
3	QUARTERING SOLDIERS IN A PERSON'S HOUSE
4	SECURITY FROM UNWARRANTED SEARCH AND SEIZURE
5	FREEDOM FOR LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY
6	CRIMINAL CASES AND RIGHTS OF ACCUSED PERSONS
7	COMMON LAW AND TRIAL BY JURY IN CIVIL CASES
8	BAIL, EXCESSIVE FINES, CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT
9	OTHER RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE
10	POWERS RESERVED TO THE STATES

PREAMBLE — *Put in Order*

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Instructions: Copy on card stock, laminate, and cut out right side section. Mix up and place in correct order (beside #'s) to practice learning the Preamble of the Constitution. Make 2 copies (one for cutting and one for answer key).

1	WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
2	IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION
3	ESTABLISH JUSTICE
4	INSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY
5	PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE
6	PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE
7	AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY
8	TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY
9	DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH
10	THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALPHABETIZING: SIGNERS OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

A B C D E
 F G H I J K
 L M N O P
 Q R S T U
 V W X Y Z

Go. Washington—President: and deputy from Virginia

Signers Side	Alphabetize by First Name	Alphabetize by Last Name
<u>CONNECTICUT</u> William Samuel Johnson Roger Sherman		
<u>DELAWARE</u> George Read Gunning Bedford Jr. John Dickinson Richard Bassett Jacob Broom		
<u>GEORGIA</u> William Few Abraham Baldwin		
<u>MARYLAND</u> James McHenry Dan of St. Thos. Jenifer Daniel Carroll		
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u> Nathaniel Gorham Rufus King		
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u> John Langdon Nicholas Gilman		
<u>NEW JERSEY</u> William Livingston David Brearley William Paterson Jonathan Dayton		
<u>NEW YORK</u> Alexander Hamilton		
<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u> William Blount Richard Dobbs Spaight Hugh Williamson		
<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u> Benjamin Franklin Thomas Mifflin Robert Morris George Clymer Thomas Fitzsimons Jared Ingersoll James Wilson Gouverneur Morris		
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u> John Rutledge Charles Cotesworth Pinckney Charles Pinckney Pierce Butler		
<u>VIRGINIA</u> John Blair James Madison Jr.		

A-Z from the Constitution

Instructions: Write down a word (A-Z) from the part of the Constitution that is listed.

	Article 1, Section 1-2	Article 1, Section 3-4	Article 1, Section 5-7	Article 1, Section 8-10
A				
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	Article 2	Article 3	Article 4-5	Article 6-7
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SPELLING WORDS FROM THE CONSTITUTION (ARTICLES 1-7)

LIST# _____ ARTICLE(S) _____	LIST# _____ ARTICLE(S) _____	LIST# _____ ARTICLE(S) _____
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SPELLING WORDS FROM THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENTS 1-27)

LIST# _____ AMENDMENT _____	LIST# _____ AMENDMENT _____	LIST# _____ AMENDMENT _____
LIST# _____ AMENDMENT _____	LIST# _____ AMENDMENT _____	LIST# _____ AMENDMENT _____

SPELLING WORDS FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

LIST# _____	LIST# _____	LIST# _____
LIST# _____	LIST# _____	LIST# _____