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### Album Description

As we look forward to the start of the new school year, it's time once again to plan for observing Constitution Day as [required under law](#). This album allows for relevant resources to be shared within and beyond the TPS Teachers Network. Please consider adding your recommended materials to the album and thanks very much for your interest and support!

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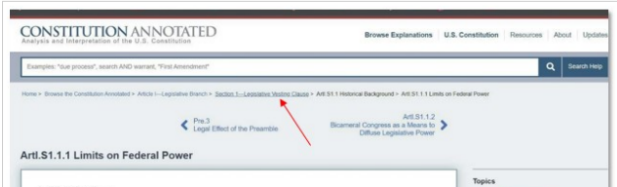
New Features and Updates to the Constitution Annotated Website

August 4, 2022 by [Kelly Goles](#)

This is a guest post by Meghan C. Totten, a paralegal specialist and legal editor in the [American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service](#).

Written in "plain English", *The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation*, better known as the *Constitution Annotated*, has served as Congress's Constitution of record for over one hundred years. A [Senate document](#), the *Constitution Annotated* is prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and provides objective, authoritative, timely, and non-partisan explanations of every provision of the Constitution based on comprehensive analyses of [Supreme Court](#) decisions.

On [Constitution Day](#), [September 17, 2019](#), the Library of Congress launched the online *Constitution Annotated* to make the material more accessible to Members of Congress, congressional staffers, scholars, students, and people across the nation and around the world who are interested in the Constitution. The website was recently [enhanced](#) with new features to improve its usability and content.



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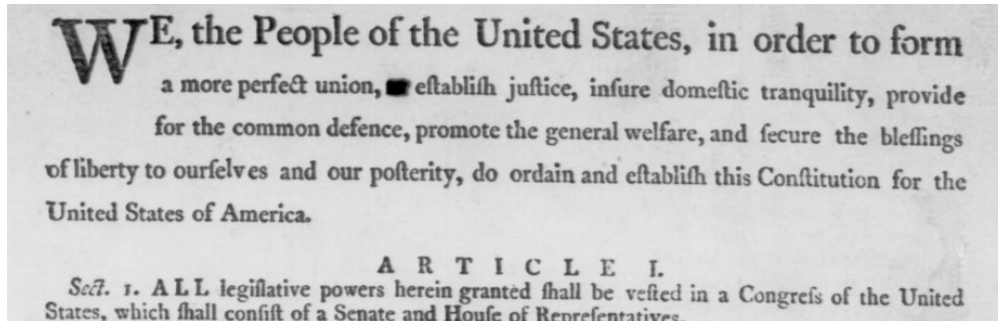
This [In Custodia Legis](#) (Law Librarians of Congress) blog post explains how the [Constitution Annotated](#) site is prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and provides objective, authoritative, timely, and non-partisan explanations of every provision of the Constitution based on comprehensive analyses of Supreme Court decisions.

[In Custodia Legis](#)

**Reference Link:** <https://blogs.loc.gov/law/2022/08/new-features-and-updates-to-the-constitution-annotated-website/>



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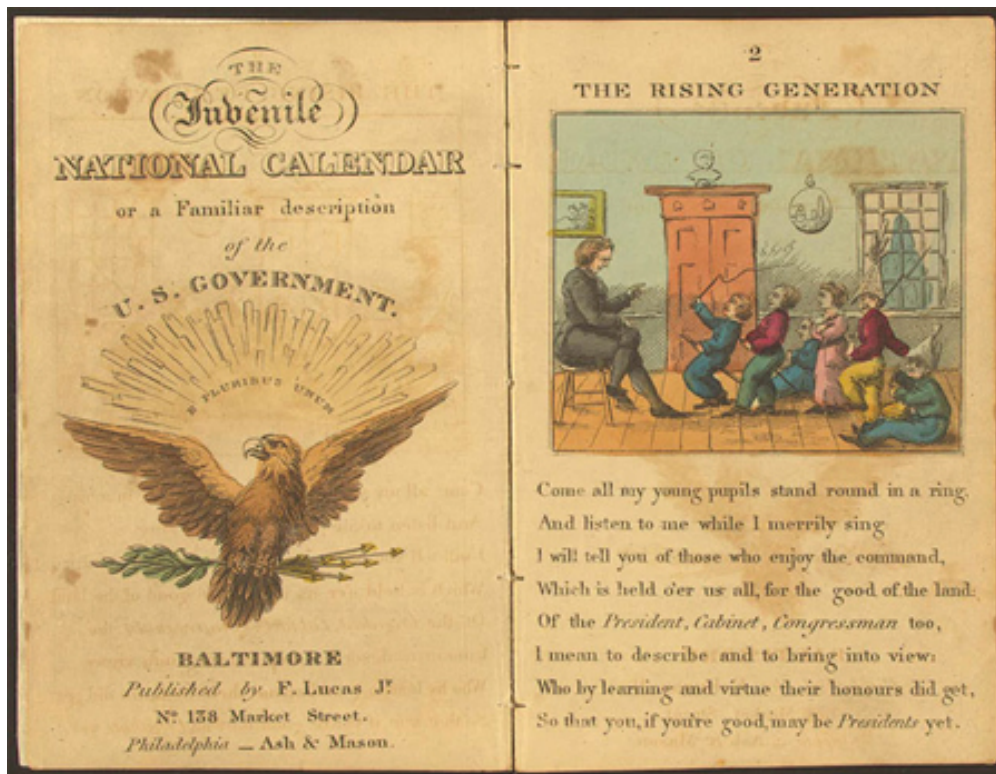
### Teaching Notes:

On September 17, 1787, the final draft of the Constitution was signed by 39 delegates. The document was then sent to the states for ratification, and went into effect on June 21, 1788 when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution.

In celebration of Constitution Day, the Library of Congress has compiled a variety of materials from across its collections. Explore these rich resources and features to learn more about one of America's most important documents.

Resources are available from Congress.gov, Primary Source Documents Related to the United States Constitution, Activities from the Teaching with the Library of Congress Blog, Lesson Plans, LOC Online Collections and more.

**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/constitutionday.html>



### Teaching Notes:

Primary source lesson plans & activities are provided along with an Annotated Analysis & Interpretation of the US Constitution. See also sections on American Memory Timeline; The Constitution: Counter Revolution or National Salvation; Encouraging Student Understanding of Negotiation and the Value of Notetaking during the 1787 Constitutional Convention; Preamble to the Constitution Image Sequencing; The Bill of Rights: Debating the Amendments; The U.S. Constitution: Continuity and Change in the Governing of the United States.

[Citizen U](#)   [Primary Source Nexus](#)

**Reference Link:** <https://primarysourcenexus.org/2017/09/primary-source-learning-u-s-constitution/>

## CONSTITUTION ANNOTATED

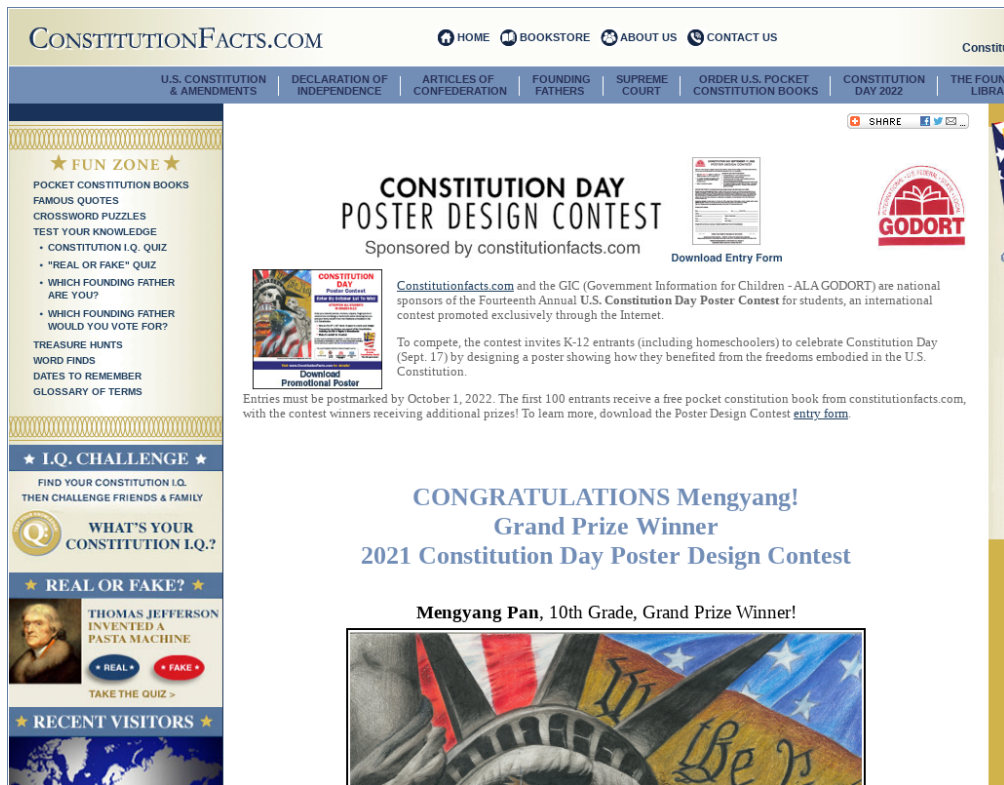


### Teaching Notes:

The *Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation* ("Constitution Annotated" or "CONAN") provides a legal analysis and interpretation of the United States Constitution based on a comprehensive review of Supreme Court case law and, where relevant, historical practices that have defined the text of the Constitution. This regularly updated resource is written in "plain English" and useful for a wide audience: from constitutional scholars to those just beginning to learn about the nation's most important legal document.

In publication for over 100 years, the Constitution Annotated is a comprehensive, government-sanctioned record of the interpretations of the Constitution. Through [2 U.S.C. § 168](#), Congress has ordered the Librarian of Congress to compile and periodically update the Constitution Annotated to provide essential information to Congress and the public at large. A bound edition of the Constitution Annotated is published every ten years, with cumulative updates printed as a supplement insert every two years.

**Reference Link:** <https://constitution.congress.gov/>



The screenshot shows the ConstitutionFacts.com website. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, BOOKSTORE, ABOUT US, and CONTACT US. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for U.S. CONSTITUTION & AMENDMENTS, DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION, FOUNDING FATHERS, SUPREME COURT, ORDER U.S. POCKET CONSTITUTION BOOKS, CONSTITUTION DAY 2022, and THE FOUNDING LIBRARY. The main content area features a large announcement for the "CONSTITUTION DAY POSTER DESIGN CONTEST" sponsored by constitutionfacts.com. It includes details about the contest, such as the deadline (October 1, 2022) and prizes (free pocket constitution book and additional prizes for winners). A sidebar on the left contains various interactive elements like "FUN ZONE" (Pocket Constitution Books, Famous Quotes, Crossword Puzzles, etc.), "I.Q. CHALLENGE", "REAL OR FAKE?" (Thomas Jefferson invented a pasta machine), and "RECENT VISITORS". At the bottom of the main content area, a congratulatory message for the 2021 Grand Prize Winner, Mengyang Pan, is displayed, along with a thumbnail of his winning poster.

## Teaching Notes:

[Constitutionfacts.com](https://www.constitutionfacts.com) and the GIC (Government Information for Children - ALA GODORT) are national sponsors of the Fourteenth Annual **U.S. Constitution Day Poster Contest** for students, an international contest promoted exclusively through the Internet.

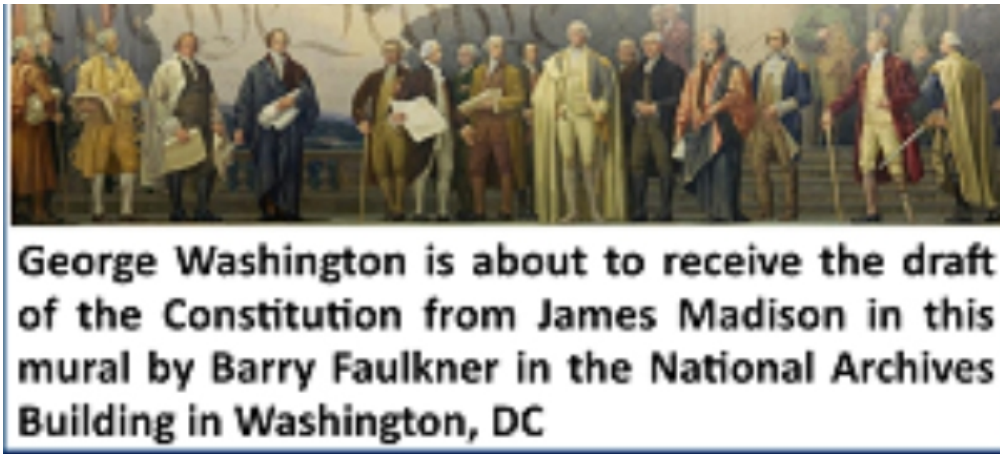
To compete, the contest invites K-12 entrants (including homeschoolers) to celebrate Constitution Day (Sept. 17) by designing a poster showing how they benefited from the freedoms embodied in the U.S. Constitution.

Entries must be postmarked by October 1, 2022. The first 100 entrants receive a free pocket constitution book from constitutionfacts.com, with the contest winners receiving additional prizes! To learn more, download the Poster Design Contest [entry form](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/?section=postercontest&page=contest.cfm).

**Reference Link:** <https://www.constitutionfacts.com/?section=postercontest&page=contest.cfm>



## CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION DAY

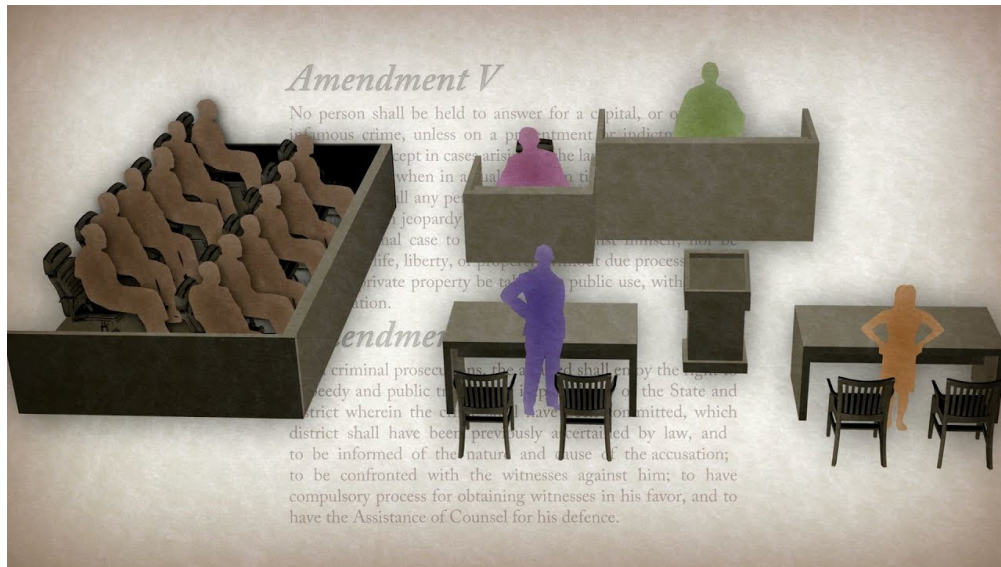


### Teaching Notes:

September 17 is designated as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787. Learn more about the U.S. Constitution through our public programs, family activities, and online resources including workshops for teachers and webinars for students.

**Reference Link:** <https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/constitution-day>

## CONFRONTATION CLAUS CRAWFORD V. WASHINGTON



### Teaching Notes:

The Sixth Amendment's confrontation clause gives the accused the right "to be confronted with the witnesses against him" at a criminal trial. This video/film uses the U.S. Supreme Court case *Crawford v. Washington* to help explain the history and importance of the confrontation clause and why the framers knew it would be crucial to an effective system of justice."

[Crawford v. Washington](#)

**Reference Link:** <https://www.annenbergclassroom.org/resource/confrontation-clause-crawford-v-washington/>



## CONSTITUTION DAY PLANNING GUIDE NEW YORK TIMES



### Teaching Notes:

This graphic shows interactive displays at the National Constitution Center, near Independence Hall in Philadelphia, designed by Henry N. Cobb. The website from NY Times includes planning tips, programming ideas, Web resources, The Constitution Online & printable guide.

**Reference Link:** <https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/ref/college/collegespecial2/coll-constitutionday.html>



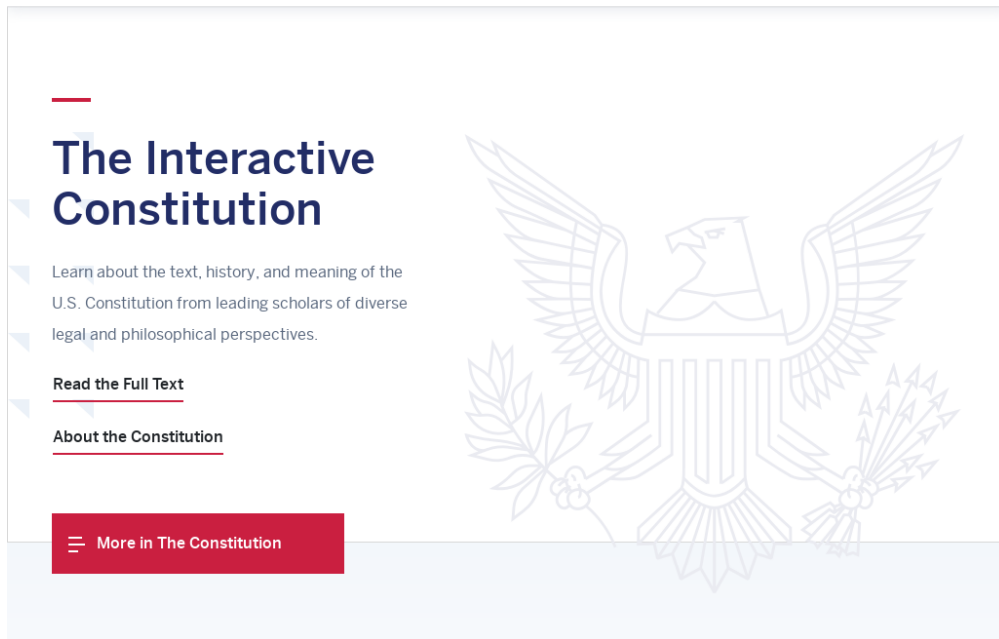
## CONSTITUTION DAY C-SPAN CLASSROOM

A screenshot of the C-SPAN Classroom website. The header includes the C-SPAN Classroom logo, the tagline "CREATED BY CABLE Free video-based materials for social studies teachers", a search bar, and links for "TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES" and "TOPICS". A dark blue navigation bar contains "SIGN UP", "LOG IN", "BELL RINGERS", "LESSON PLANS", and "FEATURED RESOURCES". The main content area is titled "On This Day: Constitution Day" for "SEPTEMBER 17, 1787". It includes a paragraph about the signing of the Constitution and five video clips, with "Clip 1" selected and highlighted in red.

### Teaching Notes:

On September 17, 1787 the delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document they had created. Every year, on the anniversary of this date, students all around the country observe the date by studying and learning about the U.S. Constitution. The videos on this site explore the history, significance, and modern day applications of the document.

**Reference Link:** <https://www.c-span.org/classroom/document/?1846>

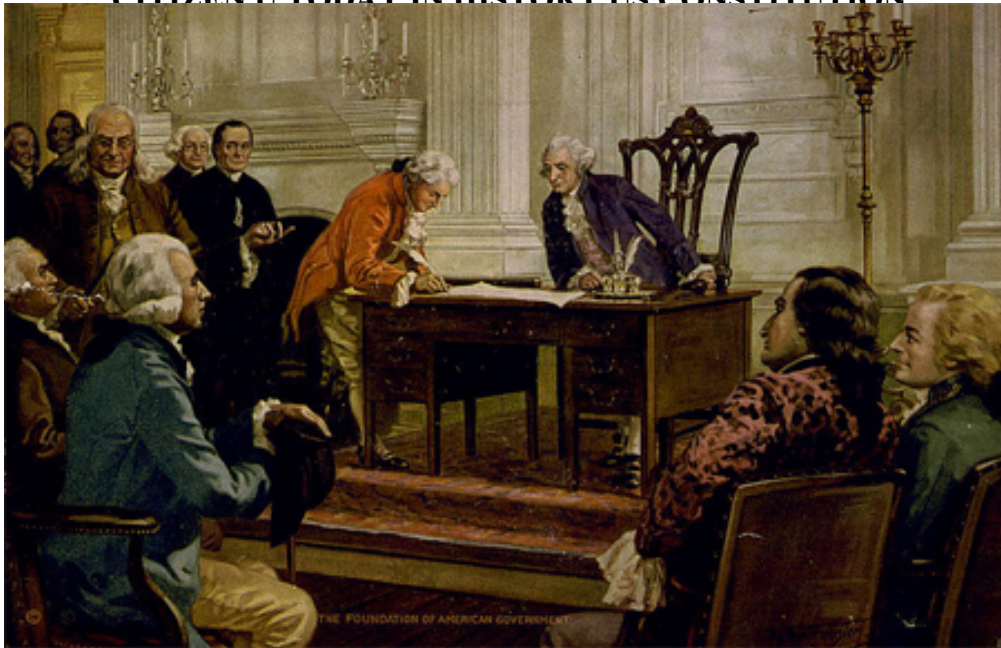
A banner for "The Interactive Constitution" featuring a large, faint background image of the Great Seal of the United States. On the left, the title "The Interactive Constitution" is in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below it, a paragraph of text reads: "Learn about the text, history, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution from leading scholars of diverse legal and philosophical perspectives." Further down, there are two links: "Read the Full Text" and "About the Constitution", both underlined. At the bottom left, a red button with a white hamburger menu icon and the text "More in The Constitution" is visible.

### Teaching Notes:

Resource provides information about the text, history, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution from leading scholars of diverse legal and philosophical perspectives.

**Reference Link:** <https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution>

**CITIZEN U TODAY IN HISTORY US CONSTITUTION**



**Teaching Notes:**

The "Today in History September 17" entry from the Library of Congress features the U.S. Constitution. After much debate and compromise, the members of the Constitutional Convention signed the final draft of the Constitution on this day in 1787. It would take just over nine months to ratify this document that would become the supreme law of the land. Explore additional primary sources & resource links provided by Citizen U, a Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Consortium Member.

[Citizen U](#)   [Primary Source Nexus](#)

**Reference Link:** <https://primarysourcenexus.org/2012/09/today-in-history-u-s-constitution/>



## Teaching Notes:

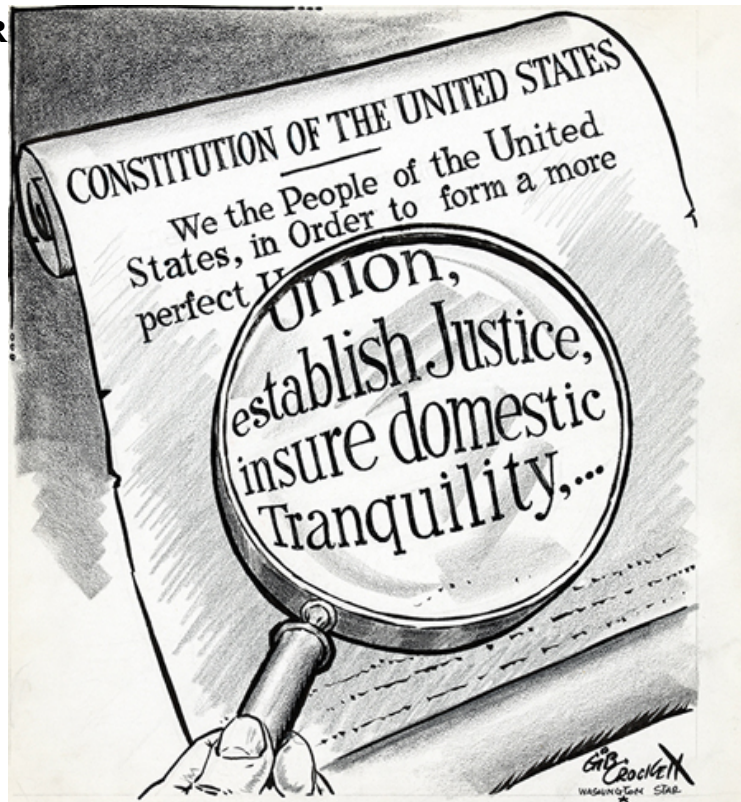
In Philadelphia on May 14, 1787, the Federal Convention convened to revise the Articles of Confederation. But through discussion and debate it became clear that rather than amend the existing Articles, the Convention would draft an entirely new frame of government. This page can be used to find primary sources related to the Constitution and the "big ideas" it contains, as well as document-based learning activities to share with your students.

[National Archives](#)

**Reference Link:** <https://www.docsteach.org/topics/constitution>



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### Teaching Notes:

Students deepen their understanding of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution with this primary source image sequencing activity.

[Citizen U](#)   [Primary Source Nexus](#)

**Reference Link:** <https://primarysourcenexus.org/2017/09/learning-source-preamble-constitution-image-sequencing/>



## CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY FROM USCIS




### Teaching Notes:

From the US Citizenship and Immigration Services or USCIS, this resource provides information for learners and teachers including detailed lesson plans.

[US Citizenship and Immigration Services](#)      [UCIS](#)

**Reference Link:** <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/resources-for-educational-programs/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day>



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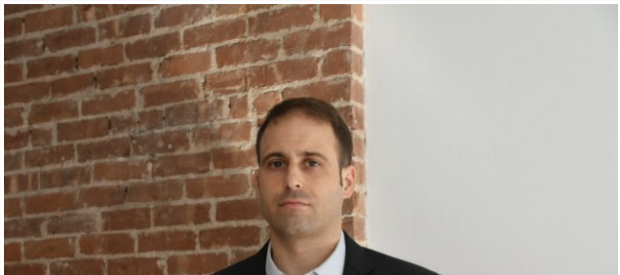
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Constitution Day 2020 – “The Bulwark of Freedom”: African-American Members of Congress and the Constitution During Reconstruction

August 25, 2020 by [Robert Brammer](#)

The [Law Library of Congress](#) and the [Library of Congress Center for Learning, Literacy and Engagement](#) are excited to announce our annual [Constitution and Citizenship Day](#) lecture on September 17th at 3 p.m. EDT. This year's lecture will be an online event and will be given by Michael J. Murphy, a historical publications specialist in the [Office of the Historian for the U.S. House of Representatives](#). He earned his Ph.D. in U.S. history from [Stony Brook University](#) in New York. To register for this lecture, please visit our [Eventbrite page](#).




## Teaching Notes:

This blog post from "In Custodia Legis: Law Librarians of Congress" announced the annual Constitution and Citizenship Day lecture on September 17th back in 2020. A recording may be accessed [here](#).

[In Custodia Legis](#)   [African Americans](#)


**Reference Link:** <https://blogs.loc.gov/law/2020/08/constitution-day-2020-the-bulwark-of-freedom-african-american-members-of-congress-and-the-constitution-during-reconstruction/>



# Constitution Day

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## Teaching Notes:

The Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the United States. It is the foundation and source of the legal authority underlying the existence of the United States of America and the Federal Government of the United States. The United States Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Learn about the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, Amendments to the Constitution, and our Founding Fathers. Extensive collection of constitutional books and DVDs.

**Reference Link:** <https://constitutionday.com/>

## CONSTITUTION DAY WAYNE RESA



### Teaching Notes:

Annotated listing of online Constitution Day resources curated by David Hales, Social Studies Consultant at Wayne RESA. Organized by grade level (elementary, middle school, and high school) with links to Constitution Day lessons.

**Reference Link:** <https://www.resa.net/teaching-learning/content-areas/social-studies/constitution-day>

## STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION DAY RESOURCES



### Teaching Notes:

Constitution Day is a celebration of our American democracy! Every year, lawyers engage students in Constitution Day lessons in classrooms throughout Michigan. The State Bar of Michigan has designed this page to help bar associations, lawyers & teachers lead exciting educational activities on Constitution Day.

[State Bar of Michigan](https://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/constitutionday)

**Reference Link:** <https://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/constitutionday>



### Teaching Notes:



A very comprehensive set of resources - Thanks [Margaret Lincoln](#)! What is so wonderful about these sharable albums is that we can push them out to additional education networks we belong to. I'm involved in a just launched [Apple Education Community](#) with a public facing forum for teachers. Your rich resources will be welcomed there by history teachers who can access these resources and create lessons around them. It is so helpful to have this URL in my pocket, put together by a marvelous Michigan Librarian!





**Teaching Notes:**

This is so wonderful! Great teaching resources! Thank you so very much, Margaret!