

The United States Constitution A Graphic Adaptation

Traces the historical development of the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments and analyzes their cardinal procedural guarantees.

"The People's Guide to the United States Constitution" is an easy-to-read, spin-free guide to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and amendments, and the Declaration of Independence, providing both the essential historical context and important definitions of the language used.

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the United States of America. The Constitution, originally comprising seven articles, delineates the national frame of government. Its first three articles embody the doctrine of the separation of powers, whereby the federal government is divided into three branches: the legislative, consisting of the bicameral Congress (Article I); the executive, consisting of the president and subordinate officers (Article II); and the judicial, consisting of the Supreme Court and other federal courts (Article III).

Debates over constitutional rights impact you every day as an American citizen. But do you know what the U.S. Constitution actually says? This accessible guide contains the complete text of the Constitution, with short, descriptive margin notes throughout. Articles and amendments are then analyzed in depth to help you comprehend the basis of democracy. This valuable handbook covers: How the articles and amendments were drafted Insight into the intentions of the creators and the sources they used Controversial interpretations and Supreme Court decisions How the Constitution affects citizens every day The Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and unratified Constitutional amendments This book walks you through the history of this essential document and shows how it has guided lawmakers and judges for more than 200 years. This unbiased look at the Constitution will help you feel confident in your knowledge of this all-important document, gain a firmer understanding of how our government works, and put context around today's most pressing issues.

An easy-to-understand explanation of the foundation of American government

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America's Constitutional Conversation, 1760–1840

The Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States of America

The Cambridge Companion to the United States Constitution

The Constitution of the United States of America as Amended

This collection is an essential reading for all those who wish to learn about the creation of the American nation. It is comprised of the most important legal documents in early American history which are considered instrumental to its founding and philosophy: The United States Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and Bill of Rights. Also included - The Federalist Papers and Inaugural Speeches from the first three American presidents - our Founding Fathers. Their words provide additional insights on how the American identity was shaped. Discover the real roots of the present day Government. Table of Contents: Declaration of Independence (1776) U.S. Constitution (1787) Bill of Rights (1791) Amendments (1792-1991) The Federalist Papers (1787-1788) Inaugural Speeches: George Washington (1789, 1793) John Adams (1797) Thomas Jefferson (1801, 1805)

Comparing the writings and speeches of the founding fathers with the authors they read, studied, and imitated, Sellers identifies the central tenets of American republicanism and demonstrates that the Constitution is firmly rooted in classical Roman concepts of law and philosophy. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

A landmark work of more than one hundred scholars, The Heritage Guide to the Constitution is a unique line-by-line analysis explaining every clause of America's founding charter and its contemporary meaning. In this fully revised second edition, leading scholars in law, history, and public policy offer more than two hundred updated and incisive essays on every clause of the Constitution. From the stirring words of the Preamble to the Twenty-seventh Amendment, you will gain new insights into the ideas that made America, important debates that continue from our Founding, and the Constitution's true meaning for our nation 219 years ago you were given the right to practice the religion of your choice. 219 years ago you were given the right to say what you wanted without persecution. 219 years ago it was written that your house and property were secure from unreasonable search and seizure. 219 years ago you were given the right to a public trial. 219 years ago, fifty-five men you will never know sat in a sweltering hot room as they fought and argued for you. 219 years ago you were given your rights as a citizen of the United States. This fall, as we return again to the ballot box to decide the course of our country's congressional and state leadership, every voter must find their way back to that room in Philadelphia. Welcome Books is proud to provide a map. The Constitution of The United States of America, inscribed and illustrated by the master calligrapher Sam Fink, brings to life the issues underlying the triumphs of this abiding document. Originally published in pen and ink for Random House in 1987, Sam has, at the request of Welcome Books, gone back to the original black-and-white art and painted it entirely, creating a full-color masterpiece. Each amendment, each article, each word so thoughtfully placed in the Constitution has been given Sam's profound touch. With a powerful intelligence and a wonderful sense of humor, he has provided us with an entry point, allowing us to read this essential document better, more clearly. Welcome Books is honored to present a full-color limited edition of Sam's startling work as well as a trade edition, exquisitely designed and produced - matching in its manufacture the stunning quality of Sam's ambition and the gravitas

and significance of the original document. The Constitution of The United States of America is the document we must read again and again. There is no more important document in our country. It is the document we must have an intimate knowledge of. It is the document that we must never forget. 219 years ago, you were entrusted with a living document. Have you kept it safe? To begin, we must read it. This, Sam, in his direct and unadorned way, respectful and loving, helps us do.

The United States Constitution Illustrated

A Companion to the United States Constitution and Its Amendments

A Biography

The Constitution of the United States, with Index, and the Declaration of Independence

Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation : Constitutional History of California, Act for the Admission of California Into the Union

And Declaration of Independence

The Practical Guide to the United States Constitution offers an accurate but entertaining look at the founding documents. It covers the how's, what's, and why's of the United States Constitution, but with a side of fun. The mission is simple: to make the Constitution so easy to understand that even a career politician can grasp it. This Practical Guide covers the underlying concepts of natural rights and consent-based government. Hint: it's not to subpoena and investigate each other. The book also clarifies how each of the three primary founding documents, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, work together to define the goals, theory, and mechanics of the American system. The heart of this constitutional owners' manual is a simplified walk through the contents and meaning of the founding documents. If you've ever wanted to know what the Constitution really says, this book is for you. Reader feedback: Just finished reading The Practical Guide to The United States Constitution, I wish I could have read this 40 years ago, better yet in government class in high school, 1966. I retired 6 years ago and finally had the time to get educated in the political process and history of this great country. I had to move my library book down to place this one in the top 3 "BEST". This book needs to be in every high school government class as "required" reading to graduate. It's fantastic, factual, easy to read, well organized, and spellbinding. Any time a person can read, have fun and learn something new it's a good deal! Buy this book now! Tom McHale has managed to keep me reading, in short sessions, for the past week until I finished his delightful, lighthearted explanation of the founding documents of our republic. No heavy tome for law school students, 'The Practical Guide to the United States Constitution is an engaging, fun read... in a civics primer, no less! Well done, Mr. McHale. I enjoyed this guide of the Constitution. It was easy to read, witty, and gave everyday explanations. While interpretation may be one thing... the actual words are quite simple. Tom did a nice job... I highly recommend this book for for first time diving into the Constitution.

Classic Books Library presents this brand new edition of "The Federalist Papers", a collection of separate essays and articles compiled in 1788 by Alexander Hamilton. Following the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776, the governing doctrines and policies of

the States lacked cohesion. "The Federalist", as it was previously known, was constructed by American statesman Alexander Hamilton, and was intended to catalyse the ratification of the United States Constitution. Hamilton recruited fellow statesmen James Madison Jr., and John Jay to write papers for the compendium, and the three are known as some of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Alexander Hamilton (c. 1755–1804) was an American lawyer, journalist and highly influential government official. He also served as a Senior Officer in the Army between 1799-1800 and founded the Federalist Party, the system that governed the nation's finances. His contributions to the Constitution and leadership made a significant and lasting impact on the early development of the nation of the United States.

Designed to help students understand the Constitution in all of its splendor and subtlety, this book introduces key events of the founding era, the Declaration of Independence, and the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention. The Constitution and its amendments are explored section by section, along with pertinent historical events, laws, and cases.

It's more important than ever for every American to know exactly what the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence actually says. Here is the essential, 45-page, pocket-size edition. The greatest gifts from our Founding Fathers are the two most fundamental documents in American politics. This quick, easy reference for our federal government's structure, powers, and limitations includes: • The Constitution of the United States • The Bill of Rights • All Amendments to the Constitution • The Declaration of Independence Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, or independent, whether you are a support of Donald Trump or not, if you live and vote in the United States of America, you understand that The Constitution of the United States and The Declaration of Independence are two of the most important documents in American history. They convey the principles on which the country was founded and provide the ideals that still guide American politics today. Signed by the members of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787, The Constitution outlines the powers and responsibilities of the three chief branches of the federal government (executive branch, judicial branch, legislative branch), as well as the basic rights of the citizens of the United States (freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, etc.) The Declaration of Independence was crafted by Thomas Jefferson in June of 1776 and it provides the foundation of American political philosophy. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Collected here in one affordable, pocket-sized volume are some of the most valued pieces of writing in the history of our country. This edition contains The Constitution of the United States of America, including The Bill of Rights and all of the subsequent amendments, as well as The Declaration of Independence. These are word-for-word facsimiles of significant documents. Every American should own a copy. The Delegates of the Constitutional Convention, also known as the Founding Fathers, were a collective of fifty-five appointed individuals from the original thirteen colonies who attended the Constitutional Convention sessions, although only thirty-nine actually signed the Constitution. Some of its most notable member are George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe,

Alexander Hamilton, and Benjamin Franklin.

With Index

The Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution

Roman Ideology in the United States Constitution

The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution

The Framers' Coup

The Declaration of Independence & United States Constitution – Including Bill of Rights and Complete Amendments

America's own real-life Justice League! Perfect for teaching kids about the Constitution and American history in a fun and engaging way! Through action-packed, comic-like graphic illustrations, children can learn the stories of George Washington, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, and more! Each of these heroes used their very own super powers of truth, justice, and tenacity in the fight for liberty. This fun, illustrated look at the fearless superheroes of U.S. history shows how true stories are often the most exciting.

What is the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court really allowed to do? This unique and handy guide includes the documents that guide our government, annotated with accessible explanations from one of America's most esteemed constitutional scholars. In one portable volume, with accessible annotations and modernizing commentary throughout, Richard Beeman presents *The Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution*. Beeman has created a fascinating apparatus for understanding the most important document in American history—and why it 's as central in the America of today as it was in creation of the country. Penguin presents a series of six portable, accessible, and—above all—essential reads from American political history, selected by leading scholars. Series editor Richard Beeman, author of *The Penguin Guide to the U.S. Constitution*, draws together the great texts of American civic life to create a timely and informative mini-library of perennially vital issues. Whether readers are encountering these classic writings for the first time, or brushing up in anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, these slim volumes will serve as a powerful and illuminating resource for scholars, students, and civic-minded citizens.

Contains a short sketch of the history of each state and U.S. territory and its constitutional history, followed by a detailed summary of its current constitution. The Introduction includes comparative tables; the Appendix contains the U.S. Constitution.

In *America 's Constitution*, one of this era 's most accomplished constitutional law scholars, Akhil Reed Amar,

gives the first comprehensive account of one of the world's great political texts. Incisive, entertaining, and occasionally controversial, this "biography" of America's framing document explains not only what the Constitution says but also why the Constitution says it. We all know this much: the Constitution is neither immutable nor perfect. Amar shows us how the story of this one relatively compact document reflects the story of America more generally. (For example, much of the Constitution, including the glorious-sounding "We the People," was lifted from existing American legal texts, including early state constitutions.) In short, the Constitution was as much a product of its environment as it was a product of its individual creators' inspired genius. Despite the Constitution's flaws, its role in guiding our republic has been nothing short of amazing. Skillfully placing the document in the context of late-eighteenth-century American politics, America's Constitution explains, for instance, whether there is anything in the Constitution that is unamendable; the reason America adopted an electoral college; why a president must be at least thirty-five years old; and why – for now, at least – only those citizens who were born under the American flag can become president. From his unique perspective, Amar also gives us unconventional wisdom about the Constitution and its significance throughout the nation's history. For one thing, we see that the Constitution has been far more democratic than is conventionally understood. Even though the document was drafted by white landholders, a remarkably large number of citizens (by the standards of 1787) were allowed to vote up or down on it, and the document's later amendments eventually extended the vote to virtually all Americans. We also learn that the Founders' Constitution was far more slavocratic than many would acknowledge: the "three fifths" clause gave the South extra political clout for every slave it owned or acquired. As a result, slaveholding Virginians held the presidency all but four of the Republic's first thirty-six years, and proslavery forces eventually came to dominate much of the federal government prior to Lincoln's election. Ambitious, even-handed, eminently accessible, and often surprising, America's Constitution is an indispensable work, bound to become a standard reference for any student of history and all citizens of the United States.

We The People

A Fully Annotated Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Amendments, and Selections from The Federalist Papers

A Contextual Analysis

A Reference Guide to the United States Constitution

Superheroes of the United States Constitution

The Practical Guide to the United States Constitution: A Historically Accurate and Entertaining Owners' Manual For the Founding Documents

Designed to help students understand the Constitution in all of its splendor and subtlety, this book introduces key events of the founding era, the Declaration of Independence, and the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention. The Constitution and its amendments are explored section by section, along with pertinent historical events, laws, and cases. Since the Third Edition was published in 2001, we have witnessed another presidential election, a second war with Iraq, significant Supreme Court cases on privacy, the death penalty, affirmative action, searches and seizures, and, perhaps most significantly, a series of developments related to America's response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11. In addition, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has announced her intention to resign. This new edition encompasses all of these developments. The Fourth Edition is the first to be thoroughly revised in its entirety, rather than merely updated. The language has been made even more accessible, rendering this an ideal starting point for students, as well as new citizens, who may be unfamiliar with constitutional law, American politics, or American history. Those already familiar with constitutional issues will be able to make use of the book as a reference guide to landmarks in constitutional history and development. Each chapter concludes with a bibliography of key books and cases useful for further study. The book includes a glossary; the texts of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution; and a section on how to locate cases and understand citations. Fifty leading cases are briefly described. Finally, the book includes two all-new sections, Highlights in Constitutional History and U.S. Supreme Court Justices.

West Virginia became a state in 1863, following its separation from the commonwealth of Virginia brought on, ultimately, by the Civil War. During its history, five state constitutions have governed West Virginia: three as part of Virginia and then two following West Virginia's creation. In The West Virginia State Constitution, Robert M. Bastress provides a historical and legal analysis of each of West Virginia's five constitutions; from its statehood and first constitution in 1863 to the present. An article-by-article analytical commentary on the 1872 constitution and its amendments comprise most of the book, while a table of cases, bibliographical essay, and index complete this excellent research tool designed for anyone interested in West Virginia's constitutional history. Previously published by Greenwood, this title has been brought back in to circulation by Oxford University Press with new verve. Re-printed with standardization

of content organization in order to facilitate research across the series, this title, as with all titles in the series, is set to join the dynamic revision cycle of The Oxford Commentaries on the State Constitutions of the United States. The Oxford Commentaries on the State Constitutions of the United States is an important series that reflects a renewed international interest in constitutional history and provides expert insight into each of the 50 state constitutions. Each volume in this innovative series contains a historical overview of the states constitutional development, a section-by-section analysis of its current constitution, and a comprehensive guide to further research. Under the expert editorship of Professor G. Alan Tarr, Director of the Center on State Constitutional Studies at Rutgers University, this series provides essential reference tools for understanding state constitutional law. Books in the series can be purchased individually or as part of a complete set, giving readers unmatched access to these important political documents.

"This Constitution was proofed word for word against the original Constitution housed in the Archives in Washington, D.C. It is identical in spelling, capitalization and punctuation and is sized in accordance with one produced by President Thomas Jefferson." -- Title page.

See the US Constitution in a new light with this bold, modern and accessible illustrated guide to the document that helped define democracy. With the 2020 Presidential election around the corner, there has never been a better time to take a closer look at the Constitution, the bedrock of US politics. Inquisitive minds will have their questions vividly answered – and new ones raised – by a mix of striking illustrations and clear, engaging text, including passages from the Constitution given in plain English. As well as a detailed history covering the original Constitution, the Bill of Rights and all Amendments, discover how this milestone in American democracy shapes and is shaped by the world at large. We The People shows that, far from a fusty old piece of paper, the US Constitution is a living, evolving rulebook that is as relevant today as it has ever been. A fresh take on a monumental document, navigating in style its history and its life today. Excerpts from the Constitution are presented here in plain English to help young thinkers better understand the role it plays in everyday life. Accessible, energetic text accompanied by contemporary, powerful illustrations allows children aged 10 and older to re-think the Constitution in a totally new way. A balanced examination that does not shy away from addressing the difficulties of interpreting and adapting the Constitution for the modern world. We The People takes the Constitution out of its display case, blows off the dust and re-imagines this piece of history for the next generation.

Procedural Due Process

Newsletter of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution

The West Virginia Constitution

The United States Constitution Explored and Explained

The Heritage Guide to the Constitution

The United States Constitution Simplified

This is the second edition of Professor Tushnet's short critical introduction to the history and current meaning of the United States' Constitution. It is organised around two themes: first, the US Constitution is old, short, and difficult to amend. Second, the Constitution creates a structure of political opportunities that allows political actors, including political parties, to pursue the preferred policy goals even to the point of altering the very structure of politics. Deploying these themes to examine the structure of the national government, federalism, judicial review, and individual rights, the book provides basic information about, and deeper insights into, the way the US constitutional system has developed and what it means today.

Americans revere their Constitution. However, most of us are unaware how tumultuous and improbable the drafting and ratification processes were. As Benjamin Franklin keenly observed, any assembly of men bring with them "all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests and their selfish views." One need not deny that the Framers had good intentions in order to believe that they also had interests. Based on prodigious research and told largely through the voices of the participants, Michael Klarman's *The Framers' Coup* narrates how the Framers' clashing interests shaped the Constitution--and American history itself. The Philadelphia convention could easily have been a failure, and the risk of collapse was always present. Had the convention dissolved, any number of adverse outcomes could have resulted, including civil war or a reversion to monarchy. Not only does Klarman capture the knife's-edge atmosphere of the convention, he populates his narrative with riveting and colorful stories: the rebellion of debtor farmers in Massachusetts; George Washington's uncertainty about whether to attend; Gunning Bedford's threat to turn to a European prince if the small states were denied equal representation in the Senate; slave states' threats to take their marbles and go home if denied representation for their slaves; Hamilton's quasi-monarchist speech to the convention; and Patrick Henry's herculean efforts to defeat the Constitution in Virginia through demagoguery and conspiracy theories. *The Framers' Coup* is more than a compendium of great stories, however, and the powerful arguments that feature throughout will reshape our understanding of the nation's founding. Simply put, the Constitutional Convention almost didn't happen, and once it happened, it almost failed. And, even after the convention succeeded, the Constitution it produced almost failed to be ratified. Just as importantly, the Constitution was hardly the product of philosophical reflections by brilliant, disinterested statesmen, but rather ordinary interest group politics. Multiple conflicting interests had a say, from creditors and debtors to city dwellers and backwoodsmen. The upper class overwhelmingly supported the Constitution; many working class colonists were more dubious. Slave states and nonslave states had different perspectives on how well the Constitution

served their interests. Ultimately, both the Constitution's content and its ratification process raise troubling questions about democratic legitimacy. The Federalists were eager to avoid full-fledged democratic deliberation over the Constitution, and the document that was ratified was stacked in favor of their preferences. And in terms of substance, the Constitution was a significant departure from the more democratic state constitutions of the 1770s. Definitive and authoritative, *The Framers' Coup* explains why the Framers preferred such a constitution and how they managed to persuade the country to adopt it. We have lived with the consequences, both positive and negative, ever since. How many times do you wonder what the constitution actually says or why the Constitution seems to be debated about. here is A compilation of important American government documents including the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States of America, the Bill of Rights and all amendments to the United States Constitution with Analysis and Interpretation.

Offers an accessible, interdisciplinary, and historically informed introduction to the study of American constitutionalism.
US Constitution

With an Alphabetical Analysis, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Prominent Political Acts of George Washington, Electoral Votes for All the Presidents and Vice-presidents, the High Authorities and Civil Officers of Government, from March 4, 1789, to March 3, 1847, Chronological Narrative of the Several States, and Other Interesting Matter, with a Description Account of the State Papers, Public Documents, and Other Sources of Political and Statistical Information at the Seat of Government

In Defense of the United States Constitution

America's Constitution

The Principles on Which Our Identity as Americans Is Based (With The Federalist Papers & Inaugural Speeches of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson)

American Republicanism

The Oxford Handbook of the U.S. Constitution offers a comprehensive overview and introduction to the U.S. Constitution from the perspectives of history, political science, law, rights, and constitutional themes, while focusing on its development, structures, rights, and role in the U.S. political system and culture. This Handbook enables readers within and beyond the U.S. to develop a critical comprehension of the literature on the Constitution, along with accessible and up-to-date analysis. The historical essays included in this Handbook cover the Constitution from 1620 right through the Reagan Revolution to the present. Essays on political science detail how contemporary citizens in the United States rely extensively on political parties, interest groups, and bureaucrats to operate a constitution designed to prevent the rise of parties, interest-group politics and an entrenched bureaucracy. The essays on law explore how contemporary citizens appear to expect and accept the exertions of power by a Supreme Court, whose members are increasingly disconnected from the world of practical politics. Essays on rights discuss how contemporary citizens living in a diverse multi-racial society seek guidance

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on the meaning of liberty and equality, from a Constitution designed for a society in which all politically relevant persons shared the same race, gender, religion and ethnicity. Lastly, the essays on themes explain how in a "globalized" world, people living in the United States can continue to be governed by a constitution originally meant for a society geographically separated from the rest of the "civilized world." Whether a return to the pristine constitutional institutions of the founding or a translation of these constitutional norms in the present is possible remains the central challenge of U.S. constitutionalism today.

Contains the text of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and all the amendments

What is the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court really allowed to do? This unique and handy guide includes the documents that guide our government, annotated with accessible explanations from one of America's most esteemed constitutional scholars. Known across the country for his appearance on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, Professor Richard Beeman is one of the nation's foremost experts on the United States Constitution. In this book, he has produced what every American should have: a compact, fully annotated copy of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and amendments, all in their entirety. A marvel of accessibility and erudition, the guide also features a history of the making of the Constitution with excerpts from The Federalist Papers and a look at crucial Supreme Court cases that reminds us that the meaning of many of the specific provisions of the Constitution has changed over time. "Excellent . . . valuable and judicious." -Jill Lepore, The New Yorker

Constitutional critiques : the re-emergence of Jeffersonian constitutional angst -- The preamble, then and now : a more perfect union -- Governing institutions -- Amendments and interpretation

The United States Constitution

First Report of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution

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Covers each article and amendment of the Constitution in a graphic format designed to be relevant and accessible to modern readers.

A history of the American Constitution's formative decades from a preeminent legal scholar When the US Constitution won popular approval in 1788, it was the culmination of thirty years of passionate argument over the nature of government. But ratification hardly ended the conversation. For the next half century, ordinary Americans and

statesmen alike continued to wrestle with weighty questions in the halls of government and in the pages of newspapers. Should the nation's borders be expanded? Should America allow slavery to spread westward? What rights should Indian nations hold? What was the proper role of the judicial branch? In *The Words that Made Us*, Akhil Reed Amar unites history and law in a vivid narrative of the biggest constitutional questions early Americans confronted, and he expertly assesses the answers they offered. His account of the document's origins and consolidation is a guide for anyone seeking to properly understand America's Constitution today.

It is one of the most important documents in the history of mankind. The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the United States of America. Every citizen should have a copy of these words. This edition provides a clear, easy-to-read format with room for notes. Included in this volume are: The Constitution of the United States The Bill of Rights and all Amendments The Declaration of Independence The Articles of Confederation The U.S. Constitution lays out the national frame of government. Its first three articles establish the doctrine of the separation of powers, where the federal government is divided into three branches: the legislative, the executive, and the judicial. Articles Four, Five and Six establish principles of federalism, describing the rights and responsibilities of state governments and of the states in relationship to the federal government. Article Seven establishes the procedure used by the thirteen States to ratify it the Constitution. Since the US Constitution came into force in 1789, it has been amended twenty-seven times. In general, the first ten amendments, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, offer specific protections of individual liberty and justice and place restrictions on the powers of government. Most of the seventeen later amendments expand individual civil rights protections. Others address issues related to federal authority or modify government processes and procedures. At seven articles and twenty-seven amendments, it is the shortest written constitution in force.

The People's Guide to the United States Constitution

The Federalist Papers

We the People of the United States ...

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States

A Kid's Guide to American History Heroes

The Making of the United States Constitution

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. It provides the framework for the organization of the United States Government. The document defines the three main branches of the government: The legislative branch with a bicameral Congress, an executive branch led by the President, and a judicial branch headed by the Supreme Court. Besides providing for the organization of these branches, the Constitution outlines obligations of each office, as well

as provides what powers each branch may exercise. It also reserves numerous rights for the individual states, thereby establishing the United States' federal system of government. It is the shortest and oldest written constitution of any major sovereign state. The United States Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, by the Constitutional Convention (or Constitutional Congress[citation needed]) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later ratified by conventions in each U.S. state in the name of "The People"; it has since been amended twenty-seven times, the first ten amendments being known as the Bill of Rights. The Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union was actually the first constitution of the United States of America. The U.S. Constitution replaced the Articles of Confederation as the governing document for the United States after being ratified by nine states. The Constitution has a central place in United States law and political culture. The handwritten, or "engrossed", original document penned by Jacob Shallus is on display at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C.

The Constitution of the United States and The Declaration of Independence

Unratified Amendments, Analytical Index

The Everything U.S. Constitution Book

State Constitutions of the United States

With Analysis and Interpretation

The Words That Made Us