# U.S. Constitution

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<td>Tired of being near the end of the alphabet, starting few words, and being governed by grammar rules, X calls for a vote on a new Alphabet Constitution, then dreams of how life would be if he became a different letter.</td>
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<td>A humorous look at five of our country's founding fathers.</td>
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<td>As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right--and determination--to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote.</td>
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FICTION


A grand re-creation of the historic summer of the Constitutional Convention and the great men who attended it, as seen through the eyes of a young student.


With their father away most of the time advocating independence for the American colonies, the children of Patrick Henry try to raise themselves, manage the family plantation, and care for their mentally ill mother.

NONFICTION


The Internet gives us information, communication options, shopping opportunities, entertainment, and much more—all at the touch of a fingertip and much of it for free. But in exchange for these benefits, we may be losing a basic right: the right to privacy. Privacy laws and the US Constitution are supposed to protect privacy in the United States, as are laws and conventions in other parts of the world. But judicial and legal systems have not kept pace with technology. And until laws catch up, users enter a legal gray area when they communicate digitally—an arena in which their most private conversations might not be protected from intrusion.


This book takes you behind the locked doors of Philadelphia's State House during the history-making summer of 1787. You will meet the key delegates and find out what is going on.


Provides simple facts about the United States Constitution, including information about the Constitutional Congress, the Bill of Rights, and the document's spelling errors.

All elementary school students learn about the history of the U.S. Constitution when they begin social studies. This book tells them about the great American document itself—explaining exactly what the Constitution does as well as how it affects and protects people today.


Introduces young readers to primary sources related to the U.S. constitution.


In cartoon format, explains how the U.S. Constitution was created, how it has been amended, and why it is still important today.


Written at the 5th grade level, the book presents a line-by-line translation of the entire United States Constitution, using the actual text of 1787 document. Also provides historical context and student exercises that approximate the decisions made by the Constitution's authors.


Affordable, readable, and indispensable, The United States Constitution: What it Says, What it Means allows you to put the most important document in American history in your back pocket. Each Article and each Amendment is followed by a clear and concise explanation, in plain English, that is suitable for both middle and high school students.


Discusses the events and the men involved in drafting the Constitution.


Examines the Constitutional origins of modern-day political problems and outlines solutions for these issues.
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<td>Micklos, John</td>
<td><em>From Thirteen Colonies to One Nation.</em></td>
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<td>After the American Revolution, the thirteen united states were joined, barely, by an almost powerless government. Delegates from twelve of the thirteen states met in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787 to create the United States Constitution. Thirty-nine men ultimately signed this important, influential framework that saved our country and gave us our amazingly strong and balanced federal government.</td>
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<td>Known as the Father of the Constitution, James Madison served two terms as the fourth president, from 1809 until 1817. Determined that all Americans be treated fairly, he devised our three branches of government and drafted the Bill of Rights. When the British set fire to Washington D.C. in 1814, his wife Dolley saved one of our country's greatest treasures, a portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart which now hangs in the Smithsonian Institution, before fleeing for her life.</td>
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**BIOGRAPHY**


Carrie Chapman Catt restructured and organized the suffrage movement to help pass the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Her tireless work for women's rights enabled women in every state to vote in the 1920 presidential election.


A father of the revolution and a signer of the Constitution, Franklin was a lightning rod in political circles and although he devoted the last twenty-five years of his life to affairs of state, his first love was always science.


Profiles the life of Alexander Hamilton, a founding father and the first Secretary of the Treasury.


Young readers will learn about the life and political philosophy of one of our Founding Fathers.


An introduction to the life of James Madison, a man of poor health who could not fight in the Revolutionary War but whose ideas formed the core of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and who became the nation's fourth president.


In graphic novel format, tells the story of Quaker leader William Penn, founder of the Pennsylvania Colony, whose ideas about government influenced the U.S. Constitution.


Here, in the only account of Noah Webster for teens, Catherine Reef guides us through Webster's remarkable life, from boyhood on a Connecticut farm
through the fight for American independence to his days as a writer and political activist who greatly influenced our Founding Fathers and the direction of the young United States.

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