

RESOURCES

Constitution Day (September 17) and Celebrate Freedom Week (September 26-30, 2016)

When September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week. The following resources will assist schools in meeting federal legislation regarding Constitution Day and Act 682 of 2003, and A.C.A. § 6-16-101 regarding Celebrate Freedom Week. Schools may use ideas from this list of resources, other resources, or they may create their own method of meeting the requirements.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

- <http://www.archives.gov/education/>
This website contains many links and lessons for teachers and students.
- <http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day/>
Constitution Day specific materials may be found at this website.
- <http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution.html>.
This website includes other information available on the U.S. Constitution and the Charters of Freedom documents. From the Charters of Freedom pages, students can examine the Constitution, view larger images of the document, examine constitutional amendments (changes and additions), and meet America's Founding Fathers. On the Declaration of Independence page students can join the signers of the Declaration, sign the Declaration of Independence, and visit the Signer's Gallery where they can find answers to such questions as who was the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence and which signer was also a musician.

100 Milestone Documents, a National Initiative on American History, Civics, and Service

- <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/content.php?flash=true&page=milestone>
This website contains access to 100 milestone documents of American history to get students, teachers, and parents thinking, talking, and teaching about the rights and responsibilities of citizens in our democracy. These documents reflect our diversity and our unity, our past and our future, and our commitment as a nation to continue to strive to "form a more perfect union." Directly access the U.S. Constitution at
- <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=9>.
This link provides direct access to the U.S. Constitution.

The Center for Civic Education

- <http://www.civiced.org/resources/curriculum/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day>
This link provides direct accesses to Constitution Day lessons for grades K-12. These age-appropriate lessons are suggested for use at each of the following grade levels: Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, and Grades 11-12. Permission to duplicate these lessons is given, provided the following credit line is used: *Reprinted with permission from the Center for Civic Education Copyright 2005. Center for Civic Education. www.civiced.org*

The Library of Congress

- <http://thomas.loc.gov/teachers/constitution.html>
The Library of Congress Web site contains numerous resources on the U.S. Constitution, including lesson plans, specific lessons and resources for students and teachers. Under Lesson Plans, subheading Government, Law & Politics, there are several lessons specifically for grades 6-12. Lesson plans contain an overview, objectives, standards, preparation, procedure, time required, and evaluation.

Constitution Day, Inc.

- <http://www.constitutionday.com>
For the past several years, Constitution Day, Inc. has celebrated Constitution Day with simultaneous recitations of the Preamble with schools and the fifty Governors' offices on a nationwide teleconference call. Visit this website for information on how to join the national recitation and for educational materials.

ConstitutionFacts.com

- <http://www.constitutionday.cc/>
This website includes quizzes, a fun zone, fascinating facts, primary sources, a poster contest, information about the founding fathers, the Articles of Confederation, Constitutional Convention information and much more.

The National Constitution Center (NCC)

- <http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution-day/>
NCC education resources, that can be accessed from the box on the right side of this web page, were created to help teachers teach the U.S. Constitution and other civic-related topics to students of all ages. These lesson plans meet the Center for Civic Education's National Standards for Civics and Government and offer resources for educators of elementary grades K-4, middle grades 5-8, and high school grades 9-12.
- <http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution>
The Interactive Constitution may be accessed from this link.

The Bill of Rights Institute

- <http://billofrightsinstitute.org/educate/educator-resources/constitution-day/>
This website includes free educational and programming materials to help teachers organize events to commemorate Constitution Day. The following information, and much more, is available:
 - Constitutional principles and Constitutional principles videos;
 - Complete Constitution lesson plans for middle and high schools; and
 - An interactive game section that includes–
 - Life without the Bill of Rights?
 - Madison's Notes are Missing; and
 - Constitution Duel Quiz.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

- <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/>
This website contains lessons, podcasts, and primary source documents.
- <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/teachers/modules.php>.
Teaching modules on the Revolutionary War, the U.S. Constitution, the New Nation, Pre-Civil War Reform, Slavery, the Civil War, the 1920s, can be accessed from this website.

iCivics

- <https://www.icivics.org/curriculum/constitution>
This site is specific to civic education and contains numerous resources, lessons, and games. The link goes directly to the Constitution site that contains many resources for students and teachers.

The National Education Association (NEA)

- <http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/constitution-day-grades-k-5.html>
This website is specifically for Constitution Day, Grades K-5.

The White House

- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/our-government/the-constitution>
This website is specifically for children and contains links to U.S. Constitution facts and quizzes, as well as many other resources.

Congress for Kids

- <http://www.congressforkids.net/>
Congress for Kids provides access to interactive, fun-filled experiences designed to help students learn about the foundation of our federal government. Although designed for elementary grades, other students, parents, and interested citizens will also find helpful, engaging activities.

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids

- <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>
This website provides learning tools for K-12 students, parents, and teachers. These resources show students how the government works. The resources for each grade band also contain interactive games and links to other U.S. government websites for kids provided by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office.

The Constitution for Kids

- <http://www.usconstitution.net/constkidsK.html>
This website contains the U.S. Constitution for grades K-3, a basic fact sheet with a link to pictures of the U.S. Constitution, and links to resources tailored to grades 4-7 and 8-12.