

CONSTITUTION DAY

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Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

To encourage all Americans to learn more about the Constitution, in 1956, Congress established Constitution Week to begin each year on Sept. 17th, the date in 1787 when delegates to the Convention signed the Constitution.

In 2004, Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia included key provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2005 designating Sept. 17th* of each year as Constitution Day and requiring public schools and governmental offices to provide educational programs to promote a better understanding of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the United States of America

The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the United States. Empowered with the sovereign authority of the people by the framers and the consent of the legislatures of the states, it is the source of all government powers, and also provides important limitations on the government that protect the fundamental rights of United States citizens.

Online Resources

[U.S. Senate Constitution](#)

[Constitution Facts](#)

*University observance date subject to change



U.S. Constitution Trivia

Answer the following questions to find out how you rate.

1. What is the U.S. Constitution?
 - A. The world's longest surviving written charter of government
 - B. An agreement between Great Britain the United States to become allies
 - C. None of the above
2. What was our country's first Constitution named?
 - A. Declaration of Independence
 - B. Federalist Papers
 - C. The Articles of Confederation
3. The U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world?
True or False
4. How many words does the U.S. Constitution have?
 - A. 4,400
 - B. 16,312
 - C. 9,700
5. Which American Founding Father did not sign the U.S. Constitution?
 - A. George Washington
 - B. Thomas Jefferson
 - C. Benjamin Franklin
6. What year was the U.S. Constitution signed?
 - A. September 17, 1887
 - B. September 17, 1987
 - C. September 17, 1787
7. Why is Constitution Day celebrated on September 17?
 - A. It is the anniversary of the day the framers signed the document
 - B. It is the day the document was drafted
 - C. It is George Washington's birthday
8. Who was known as the "Father of the U.S. Constitution"?
 - A. George Washington
 - B. James Madison
 - C. Alexander Hamilton
9. The U.S. Bill of Rights are not considered amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
True or False
10. How many days did it take to "frame" the U.S. Constitution?
 - A. 1,537 days; 4 hours
 - B. 100
 - C. 3 months
11. The word "democracy" does not appear once in the U.S. Constitution.
True or False
12. How does the Preamble begin?
 - A. We the People of the United States, in Order to form a perfect Union, ensconce Justice, insure Tranquility, provide for the common good...
 - B. We the People of the United States, in Order to form a Union, create Justice, assure domestic Tranquility, provide for defense...
 - C. We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense...



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Answer key

1-4 correct answers = SIGNER

5-8 correct answers = FRAMER

9-12 correct answers= FOUNDING FATHER

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