

The Constitution of the United States

A Pathfinder for 8th grade students

This pathfinder will help you find information in your school library media center, on the Internet, and in the community about the Constitution of the United States and its amendments.

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Internet Sites

[Notestar for taking online notes](#)

Constitutional Issues CBA Resources

[E-Library](#) click on "topics," choose Social Issues, then sociology for topics such as gun control, capital punishment, death and dying, diversity, immigration,

[Opposing Viewpoints](#)

[Social Issues](#) from the Multnomah County Library Gun control, human rights, immigration, civil rights and more


[Exploring Constitutional Law](#) look for the suggested questions to guide your research

General Information

[American Memory Historical Collections Site](#) from the Library of Congress; search using keywords to find original documents, many from congressional debates about constitutional amendments


[The American Presidency](#) from Grolier Online Encyclopedia. Outlines the constitutional formation of the presidency


[The Constitution](#) Sections on historical background, the Federalist papers, Constitutional amendments


[The Constitution Community](#) Teacher resource for lessons about interpretations and challenges to the constitution using primary sources.


[Constitution Society](#)


[National Constitution Center](#)



[The U.S. Constitution Online](#) Links to the amendment process, history behind the ratified amendments, the amendments that failed to pass and some proposed amendments


[U.S. Gov Info/Resources](#)


The Bill of Rights--The First 10 Amendments



[Bill of Rights : an overview](#)


First Amendment Links


[American Library Association](#) links to court cases and first amendment issue discussions

[Exploring Constitutional Conflicts: The Evolution Controversy](#)


[Famous Trials in American History: The Scopes "Monkey Trial"](#) early court challenge to teaching evolution in public schools


[The First Amendment Center](#) addresses issues with freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly


[The First Amendment Handbook](#) detailed information available about freedom of the press and copyright issues


[Under God ProCon](#) Should the words "under God" be included in the Pledge of Allegiance?


Second Amendment Links


[Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#) pro-gun control

[Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms](#) anti-gun control



[Exploring Constitutional Conflict: The Right to Bear Arms](#)



[GunCite](#) anti-gun control; be aware of bias in some articles

[National Rifle Association](#) anti-gun control



[Second Amendment Foundation](#) presents a pro-gun ownership point of view



Amendments 11-17

[The 11th Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



[The 12th Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



[Electoral College](#) from Encarta Learning Zone



[The Electoral College](#) with a section on the history of the electoral college

[Origins and History of the Electoral College](#)



[The 13th Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



[After the 13th Amendment](#) Conditions for newly freed slaves didn't change much at first



[The US Constitution Online: Due Process](#) The 14th Amendment

[The 15th Amendment](#) from The African American Journey



[The 15th Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



Amendments 18-27

[Constitutional Issues: Watergate and the Constitution](#) Study whether President Nixon violated the Constitution in the Watergate affair. Use primary source material



[Why Prohibition?](#) The 18th Amendment



[History of the Prohibition Act of 1920 in America](#)



[Living the Legacy: The Women's rights Movement 1848-1998](#) History of the movement that helped pass the 19th amendment and the work toward the equal rights amendment



[Woman Suffrage and the 19th Amendment](#) Primary sources, activities, and links to related web sites



[Women Suffrage and the 19th Amendment](#)



[Living the Legacy: The Women's Rights Movement 1848-1998](#)



[The 21st Amendment](#) article from Grolier Online Encyclopedia

[The 22nd Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



[Term Limits Debate and Poll](#) (22nd amendment)



[The 23rd Amendment](#) from Grolier Online

[The 24th Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



[The 25th Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



[White House Physicians](#) Who decides when a president is disabled or unable to serve? (25th amendment)



[The 27th Amendment](#) from Grolier Online



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Books and Magazines

ProQuest Magazine Index Log on through the Library Media Center home page for magazine and newspaper articles



Vertical File: U.S. History





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Ref 920 Whi [Founders of Freedom: Lives of the Men Who Signed the Constitution](#)



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Ref 973 Ada [The March of Democracy](#)



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Ref 973 Mor [The Oxford History of the American People](#)



973 Mie [The Rainbow Book of American History](#)



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973.3 Pro [The Story of the Constitution](#)



342.73 Sch [Thirteenth Amendment: Ending Slavery](#)



342.73 Bjo [U.S. Consitution: Blueprint for Democracy](#)

 [Ref 973.03 The United States Encyclopedia of History](#)

 [342.73 Kel Your Freedoms: The Bill of Rights](#)

"James Madison: Architect of the Constitution" [National Geographic Magazine](#), September 1987, pp.340-369.



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Videos, CD-ROM, Laserdiscs, etc



VT 342.73 Mor [A More Perfect Union](#), 2 video tapes



VT 342.73 Uni [United States Bill of Rights and the Constitutional Amendments](#) video tape



VT 342.73 US [The U.S. Constitution](#) video tape



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People and Places (Community Resources)



Talk with the Law Day coordinator for the community. Your Social Studies teacher should have the person's name.



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Keywords and Phrases



Amendment 12: **electoral college**



Amendment 13: **slavery**



Amendment 14: **due process**



Amendment 15: **voting rights, poll tax, Voting Rights Act**

Amendment 18: **Prohibition**



Amendment 19: **Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, suffrage**

Amendment 20: **lame duck**



Amendment 21: **Prohibition**



Amendment 22: **term limits**

Amendment 24: **voting rights, poll tax, electoral reform**



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