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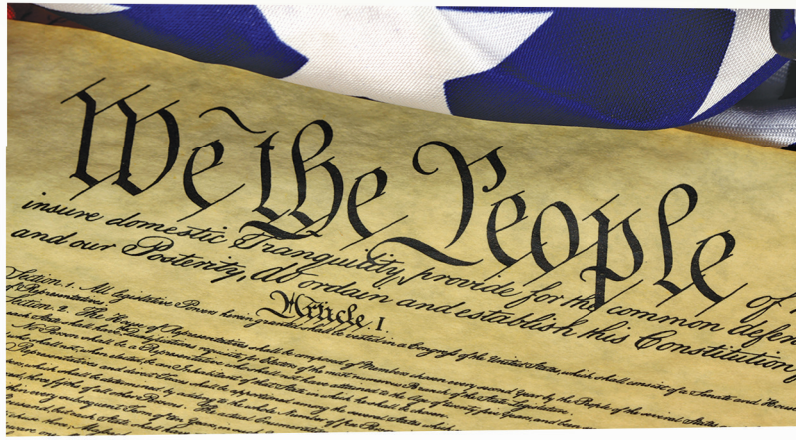
LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

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## Constitutions are Critical

Rev just woke up from a terrible nightmare! In his dream, everyone in the United States did what they wanted without respecting each other's rights! Rev rushes to his computer to make sure the U.S. Constitution is still there.

"Yes!" says Rev. "It starts with 'We the People.'"

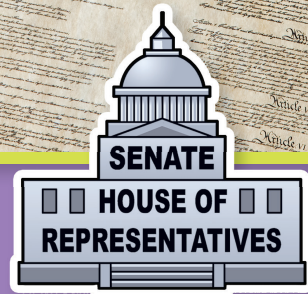
# Constitutions are Critical

## Laws

Every country needs laws. Laws help us live peacefully with our neighbors. The U.S. Constitution is the law of our country. It says how our government works. Our government is made up of three powers. Each power is important for our country to do well. The executive power is run by the president. The legislative power is run by Congress. The judiciary power is run by the Supreme Court.



**Executive**



**Legislative**

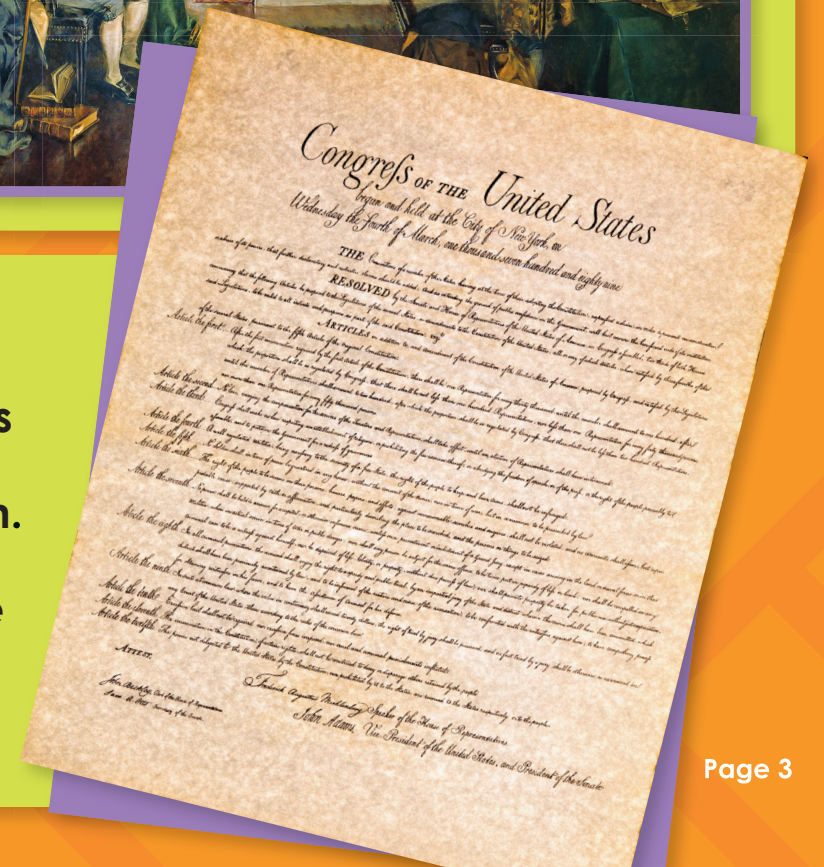
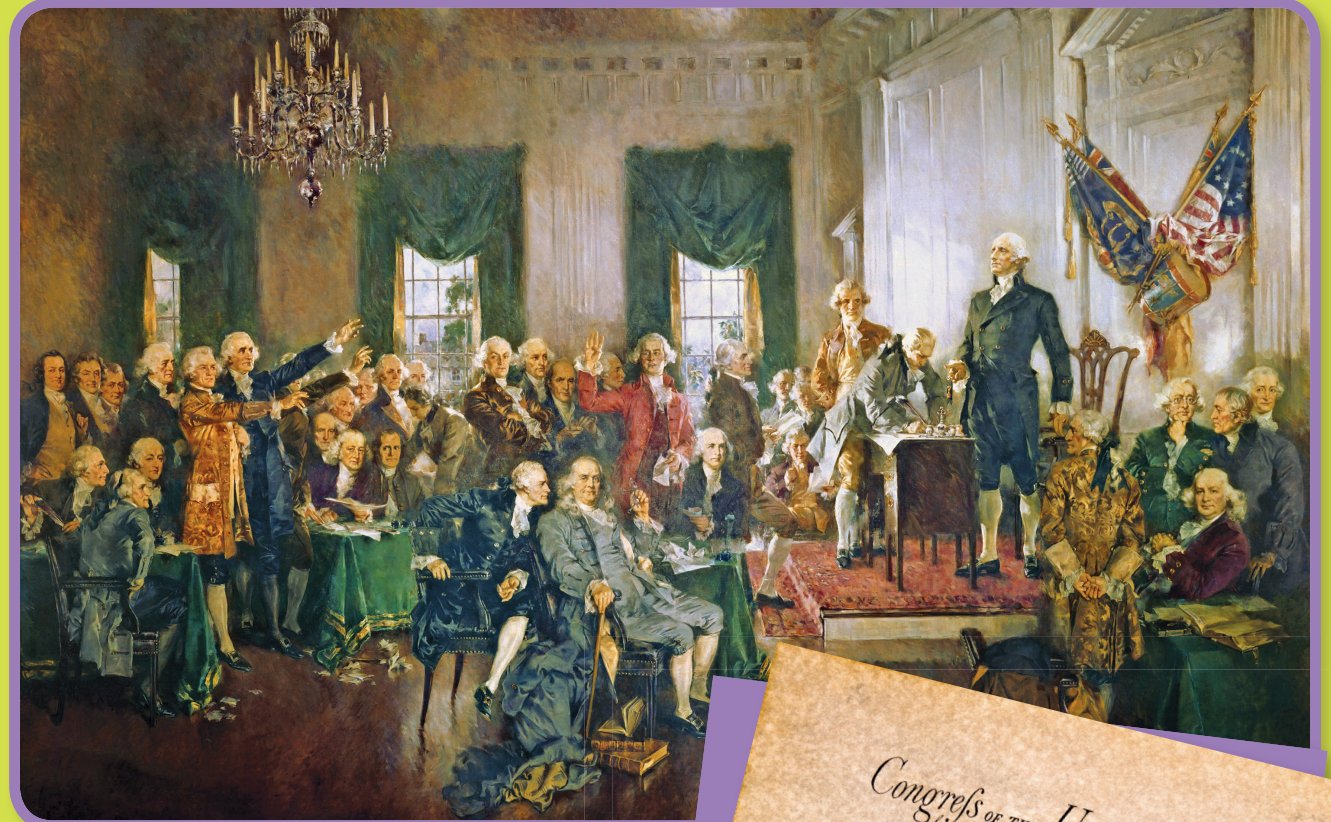


**Judiciary**

The Constitution lists all American rights. Your rights provide you with freedom. Freedom is a gift for you to pursue your own happiness. The U.S. Constitution belongs to all of us!

## The Framers

The Constitution was written in 1787. The Framers decided to help the country by creating the Constitution. Your rights are protected by this. This means that our government needs to make sure everyone's rights are respected. We need to respect the rights of all Americans.



After passing the Constitution, the Framers added the Bill of Rights. This document has the first ten changes to the Constitution. These changes are also called amendments. These amendments protect the rights and freedoms of all Americans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Fill in the Blanks

1. The men who wrote the Constitution were called the

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Amendments to the Constitution protect the

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of all Americans.

### WORD BANK

- Constitution
- Bill of Rights
- amendments
- Framers
- rights
- freedoms
- executive
- legislative
- judiciary

Draw a line from each power of government to its corresponding representative.

1. Executive

2. Legislative

3. Judiciary

a. President

b. Supreme Court

c. Congress