

Constitution Day

On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the US Constitution in Philadelphia. After being ratified by the states, the Constitution took effect in 1788. The document, less than 4600 words, has remained relatively unchanged, having only 27 amendments in over two hundred years.

The Constitution guides American governmental life and has served as the model for numerous other constitutions. In recognition of the Constitution's importance, Webster University joins with other colleges and schools to encourage students and faculty to learn more about this important document both on the anniversary of its signing and all year long.

Here is a list of selected websites, in no particular order, with information about the US Constitution.

<http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>

This site has full text of the US Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights, as well as two 50 question multiple choice quizzes and other interesting information about the founding fathers and founding documents. Great for checking out with children!

<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution/constitution-day.html>

This National Archives Constitution Day site includes views of the actual documents and links to information on many aspects of the Constitution, including the signers.

<http://www.usconstitution.net/index.html>

This site contains plain and hypertext version of the Constitution and good FAQs. Comprehensive and fun to read.

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/constpap.htm>

Extensive full text source for primary documents about the US Constitution. Excellent!

<http://usgovinfo.about.com/blconstday.htm>

A compilation of links about the Constitution

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org>

Explains the Constitution in clear language and allows for searches by word or phrase.

<http://www.uscourts.gov/outreach/constitutionday.html>

Good interactive games and concise handouts on sections of the Constitution

<http://cqpress.com/incontext/constitution/default.htm>

Offers links and documents about the Constitution.

