



U. S. Constitution Workshop Syllabus 2018

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Grade level: 7th - 8th

Dates: Wednesdays 8/22 through 11/7

Place: Canyon Oak

Time: 9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

Materials:

Pencil and Paper for note taking

Google Chromebook (check-out at library before class starts or bring your own)

Goals:

To educate the student on the creation and workings of our governmental system

To prepare the student for the 8th grade U. S. Constitution test

Objectives:

1. memorize and explain the meaning of the preamble
2. identify the major founders and framers and chronicle, in order, the historical events and their locations that lead to the authorship of the U. S. Constitution
3. outline the requirements, responsibilities and power structure of the three branches of government; legislative, executive, judicial, as stated in Articles I, II and III and explain the important points of Articles IV through VII
4. explain the amendment process, why and how the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution and know amendments one through twenty-seven
5. define subject specific terms related to the U.S. Constitution:

Grading:

Constitution test 100 points

Slideshow/research paper or homework 15 points

passing 80 points

Weekly topics:

8/22 Background and history leading up to the creation of the U . S. Constitution

8/27 Declaration of Independence and Preamble

9/5 An overview of Article I

9/12 An overview of Articles II - III

9/19 An overview of Articles IV - VII

9/26 An overview of the Bill of Rights and vital vocabulary

10/3 Amendments 11 - 18 and vital vocabulary

10/10 Amendments 19 - 27 and vital vocabulary

10/17 Review vital vocabulary

10/24 Review vital vocabulary and/or presentations

10/31 Practice Test

11/7 Test

Project (optional): Using Google Chromebook, students will create a collaborative slideshow on a topic specific to the Constitution.

Suggested Videos on the Ed1stop portal website Discovery Education Streaming:

Username: mtoaks_parent_stu Password: student

- James Madison and a Meeting to Revise the Articles of Confederation
- Our Constitution: The Document that Gave Birth to a Nation
- TLC Elementary School: We the People: A History
- Establishing the Bill of Rights
- Understanding the Constitution: (series)
 - The Legislative Branch
 - The Executive Branch
 - The Judicial Branch
- The Almost Painless Guide: (series)
 - U. S. Constitution
 - The Legislative Branch
 - The Executive Branch
 - The Judicial Branch

- School House Rock on YouTube

Note: Mountain Oaks has an online Quizlet available that will also prepare students for the test.

Each student will complete the Constitution requirement by taking a proctored exam either in class on 5/14 or with their mentor teacher with a passing score of 80 points. Students may take the proctored test as many times as they need in order to pass the Constitution requirement.