

Constitution

Creating the United States Constitution

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Constitution Day Resources from the LOC-Lesson Plans, Activities, Stories for Kids and more!

<http://thomas.loc.gov/teachers/constitution.html#resource>

On September 17, 1787, the final draft of the Constitution was signed by 39 delegates. The document was then sent to the states for ratification, and went into effect on June 21, 1788 when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution. In celebration of Constitution Day, the Library of Congress has compiled a variety of materials from across its collections. Explore these rich resources and features to learn more about one of America's most important documents.

Constitution Day Resources - THOMAS (Library of Congress)

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Documents from the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, 1774-1789

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/continental-congress/>

It is Fall 1787. The Federal Convention has recently concluded its closed door meetings in Philadelphia and presented the nation with a new model for the government. It is now up to each special state convention to decide whether to replace the Articles of Confederation with this new constitution. The debate is passionate and speaks directly to what our founding fathers had in mind in conceiving this new nation. Does this new government represent our salvation or downfall? As a politically active citizen of your region, you will take a stand on this crucial issue of the day.

<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/broad/intro.html>

Civics and Government

Government, civics, legislative process, elections, inaugurations

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/civics/set.html>

America's search for a plan of national government was a slow, difficult process. Compromise, cooperation, and creativity were required as the Americans moved from being colonials in a patriarchal monarchy to citizen-leaders in a representative republic of federal states. Most of this process took place in the midst of a long, revolutionary war. Not only were these "the times that try men's souls," in the words of Thomas Paine, they were also the times that tested Americans' intellects and practical political skills in creating a strong, national, republican government.

<http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/creatingtheus/Constitution/Pages/default.aspx>

Immediately after learning that the Virginia Convention had adopted its call for independence on May 15, 1776, Jefferson

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/trt003.html>

James Madison writings

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/madison/objects.html>

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Documents from the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention
1774-1789

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/continental/>

James Madison Papers

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/madison_papers/

To Form a More Perfect Union: Creating a Constitution

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/continental/constit.html>

The Making of the Constitution

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/ac001/lawpres.html>