

Celebrate Constitution Day



On September 17, 1787, members of the Constitutional Convention signed the US Constitution, which replaced the Articles of Confederation as the country's governing document. Below you will find online resources providing information about both the federal and state constitutions and suggestions of how teachers can celebrate Constitution Day in their classroom, which is observed on Monday, September 18th this year.

US Constitution

National Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration's website includes copies of the Constitution to download and a lesson using the Constitution and other support documents.

Online at: <http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-workshop/index.html>

National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center presents a database of lessons that support Constitution Day on its website.

Online at: <http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday/display/EducM/Home>

Newsweek Education Program

Newsweek teamed with National History Day to create this website, which suggests ten ways to observe Constitution Day in the classroom, along with online and print resources.

Online at: http://www.newsweekeducation.com/extras/2005_constitution.php

Social Studies Teacher Resources

A middle school teacher in Kansas compiled this list of online resources about the US Constitution, with links to Webquests, lesson plans, and interactive games.

Online at: <http://www.usd267.com/TL%20Student%20Pages/8thSSteacher.html>

Washington State Constitution

Washington State Archives

The State Archives's online presentation explains the history of the State Constitution, completed on August 23, 1889, and supplies interactive images of the document.

Online at: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/history/constitution.aspx>

HistoryLink

Searching this online encyclopedia for "Washington Constitution" includes articles about the Washington State Constitution and its amendments.

Online at: http://www.historylink.org/essays/output.cfm?file_id=5210

Washington Courts

The Washington Court system offers a full text version of the state constitution and links to online resources covering the US Constitution.

Online at: http://www.courts.wa.gov/education/constitution/?fa=education_constitution_home

Additional Resources at the ESD 113 Media Center Library

The ESD 113 Media Center Library also provides support materials for the ESD 113 school districts (excepting Aberdeen, Elma, Hoquiam, and North Thurston). To access the library's online database, which includes new Constitution Day resources, or for more information about how to set up an account, see the Media Center Library website at <http://media.esd113.k12.wa.us/> or call (360) 464-6781.