






# National Constitution Day: A Curated Resource Guide for Schools

**Directions:** Explore resources, read one article, watch one video, and listen to a recording of your choice from the list below. Feel free to go big and read them all to support planning, learning, and teaching.

	<div>READ</div> <div>Read one or more articles</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>U.S. Department of Education website <a href="https://www.ed.gov/teaching-and-administration/teaching-resources/instructional-resources/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day">https://www.ed.gov/teaching-and-administration/teaching-resources/instructional-resources/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day</a>: Offers a section dedicated to Constitution Day and Citizenship Day with links to publicly accessible educational materials from the three branches of government.</li><li>National Constitution Center <a href="https://constitutioncenter.org/education/constitution-day-resources">https://constitutioncenter.org/education/constitution-day-resources</a>: Provides educational resources, exhibits, and lesson plans related to the Constitution.</li><li>National Archives <a href="https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/constitution-day">https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/constitution-day</a> and the Library of Congress website <a href="https://www.loc.gov/extranet/cld/constitution.html">https://www.loc.gov/extranet/cld/constitution.html</a>: Contains virtual copies of historical documents and resources pertaining to the Constitution.</li><li><a href="#">George Washington’s annotated copy of a draft</a> of the United States Constitution.</li><li>Read about the <a href="#">Iroquois Confederacy, the government that inspired the United States constitution</a> and <a href="#">explore a teacher’s guide related to this collaboration of tribes, also known as the Haudenosaunee</a></li><li>Federal Courts <a href="https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/annual-observances/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day">https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/annual-observances/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day</a>: Participate in Constitution Day by offering educational resources and programs in their communities.</li><li>Shared Read Aloud<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shh! We’re Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz</li><li>We the Kids by David Catrow</li></ul></li><li>For School and District Leaders<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This <a href="#">Sample Announcement on the celebration of Constitution day</a> from the American Bar Association</li><li>Learn more about the Constitution Day requirements in this <a href="#">article from the AASA, the School Superintendent’s Association</a> American article</li></ul></li></ul>
	<div>WATCH</div> <div>Watch one or more videos</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Live Participation:</b> <a href="#">Multi State Third Grade Mock Trial – Constitution Day</a></li><li>(13:03) Take a “Crash Course” with YA author John Green and learn about the <a href="#">Constitution, the Articles, and Federalism</a></li><li>Comparte una <a href="#">Comparte una visión general de la Constitución con familias multilingües y adultos que hablan español.</a>/ Share an overview of the <a href="#">Constitution with multilingual families in Spanish</a></li><li>Share a song with our early childhood friends: <a href="#">Together We Can Learn: The Constitution</a></li></ul>
	<div>LISTEN</div> <div>Listen to one or more recordings/podcasts</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(Various) Dive deeper into a <a href="#">documentary style podcast from the Library of Congress called Our Constitution</a></li><li>(13:57) Understand history and walk through time with the <a href="#">Colonial Williamsburg hosted podcast The Constitution for Kids</a></li></ul>
	<div>EXPLORE</div> <div>Explore additional resources used in the field</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Engage in a <a href="#">virtual interactive museum exhibit</a> from the National Constitution center.</li><li>Take a <a href="#">self-paced course from Khan Academy</a>, or select videos based on your students’ questions from the <a href="#">Constitution 101 YouTube</a> Playlist</li><li>Connect to AAPI history by exploring this <a href="#">National Archives article about a famous supreme court case related to the 14th Amendment</a>, as Wong Kim Ark contested the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1898</li><li>The <a href="#">Constitution Day Hub from the Center for Civic Education</a></li><li><b>Grades K-5</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Connecticut Model Social Studies for Grade 3   GoOpen CT</a></li></ul></li></ul>

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	<b>REFLECT</b> Reflect on the following questions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How is the concept of democracy reflected in the constitution?</li><li>• What do our founding documents reflect about American values?</li><li>• In what way, and for whom, have Constitutional Amendments changed the lives of Americans?</li><li>• What Constitutional Amendments passed and failed, and why?</li><li>• If you could suggest an Amendment to the Constitution, what would it be?</li></ul>