

# Constitution Day

## FOUNDING DOCUMENT

## READING COMPREHENSION



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The Founding Document of the United States, also known as the Constitution, is a special piece of paper that holds the rules for our country. Every year, on September 17, we celebrate Constitution Day to honor this important day in history.

**PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS**

One of the most important parts of the Constitution is the Bill of Rights. These are the first ten changes, or amendments, to the Constitution. They list some of the rights that we have, like the right to a fair trial.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

The purpose of the legislative branch is to make laws. The House of Representatives and the Senate are the two parts of the legislative branch. They work together to create laws that affect the whole country.

**THE FIRST TEN AMENDMENTS**

The first ten amendments to the Constitution are called the Bill of Rights. They protect the rights of citizens and limit the power of the government. Some of the rights protected include the right to a fair trial, the right to free speech, and the right to a fair and speedy trial.

**WHY DO WE CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY?**

We celebrate Constitution Day to honor the men who wrote the Constitution and to remind us of the values of freedom, justice, and equality. It is a day to reflect on the importance of the Constitution in our lives and to discuss how we can protect and improve it.

**HOW DOES THE CONSTITUTION HELP US UNDERSTAND OUR COUNTRY AND HISTORY?**

The Constitution helps us understand our country and history by providing a framework for the government and the rights of citizens. It is a document that reminds us of the values of freedom, justice, and equality. It is a document that we should all be proud of and that we should all work to protect.

**WHAT IS THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND WHAT DOES IT PROTECT?**

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**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY?**

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**HOW DOES THE CONSTITUTION RELATE TO OUR LIVES AND HISTORY?**

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MCQ'S  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWER KEY**

# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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### THE BIRTH OF A NATION

In the year 1787, in the historic city of Philadelphia, a gathering of brilliant minds marked the dawn of a new era. Diverse in origin and thought, these visionaries converged with a singular purpose: to forge a nation unlike any other. Amidst spirited debates and impassioned discourse, they meticulously crafted the blueprint for this nascent land. Thus, with ink and parchment, the Constitution emerged—a testament to their collective wisdom and the enduring spirit of democracy.

### WHAT'S INSIDE?

The Constitution is like a treasure map that shows us how our country works. It has different parts that talk about the government, the rights of the people, and how everyone should be treated fairly. Each part is important and helps to keep our country running smoothly.

### "WE THE PEOPLE"

At the very beginning of the Constitution, there are three special words "We the People." These words mean that the power of our government comes from the people who live in the United States. It's like saying that everyone in the country has a say in how things are done.



### THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

The Constitution divides our government into three parts, or branches: the legislative branch, the executive branch, and the judicial branch. Each branch has its own job to do, like making laws, carrying out laws, and making sure laws are fair.

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### PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS

One of the most important parts of the Constitution is the Bill of Rights. These are the first ten changes, or amendments, to the Constitution. They list some of the rights that all people in the United States have, like the freedom to speak our minds and the right to practice any religion we choose.



### CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION DAY

On Constitution Day, we celebrate by learning about the Constitution and what it means for our country. Some people read the Constitution aloud, while others talk about its history. It's a time to remember how our country started and to think about the rights and freedoms we enjoy today.

### CONCLUSION

The Constitution is like a guidebook that helps us understand our country and how it works. It's an important document that reminds us of the values our country was built on, like freedom, fairness, and equality. So, on September 17th, let's celebrate Constitution Day and remember the document that helped create the United States of America!

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DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When do we celebrate Constitution Day?

- a) July 4th
- b) September 17th
- c) October 31st
- d) December 25th

2. Where did the smart people gather to write the Constitution?

- a) New York City
- b) Philadelphia
- c) Washington D.C.
- d) Boston

3. What does the Constitution contain?

- a) Recipes for cooking
- b) Rules for the country
- c) Stories about history
- d) Tips for playing sports

4. What special words begin the Constitution?

- a) "Freedom for all"
- b) "We the People"
- c) "God bless America"
- d) "Land of the free"

5. How many branches of government are there according to the Constitution?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. When was the Constitution written?
2. Where did the Founding Fathers write the Constitution?
3. What do the words "We the People" mean in the Constitution?
4. How many branches of government are there in the Constitution?
5. What is the significance of the Constitution?

6. What is the purpose of the legislative branch?

- a) Making laws
- b) Enforcing laws
- c) Interpreting laws
- d) None of the above

7. What are the first ten amendments to the Constitution called?

- a) Ten Commandments
- b) Bill of Rights
- c) Declaration of Independence
- d) Articles of Confederation

8. What do the Bill of Rights protect?

- a) People's rights
- b) Animals' rights
- c) Government's rights
- d) None of the above

9. How do people celebrate Constitution Day?

- a) By eating cake
- b) By learning about the Constitution
- c) By watching movies
- d) By going shopping

10. What values does the Constitution represent?

- a) Freedom, fairness, and equality
- b) Wealth, power, and fame
- c) Success, competition, and victory
- d) Rules, regulations, and restrictions

## ANSWER KEY

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1. b) September 17th
2. b) Philadelphia
3. b) Rules for the country
4. b) "We the People"
5. c) Three
6. a) Making laws
7. b) Bill of Rights
8. a) People's rights
9. b) By learning about the Constitution
10. a) Freedom, fairness, and equality

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. 1787.
2. Philadelphia.
3. The power of the government comes from the people.
4. Three branches.
5. It lists some of the rights that all people in the United States have.

ANSWER KEY  
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QUESTIONS