



Constitution Compendium

Classroom Activities ~ Grade Level 6-9

Scenes of the Signing of the Constitution

<https://teachingamericanhistory.org/resources/convention/christy/>

This interactive website offers:

- Information on visual interpretations of the Constitutional Convention, including the painting Signing of the Constitution, by Howard Chandler Christy.
- Biographical information on delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Using the above website and additional biographical information found on the Internet, ask students to choose one signer of the Constitution and complete the worksheet “Biography of a Signer.”

Famous Quotes

Ask students to identify the quotations offered on the worksheet “Famous Quotes Related to the U.S. Government.”

Constitution Facts

<https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-constitution-amendments/fascinating-facts/>

This website offers more than 50 “Fascinating Facts” about the U.S. Constitution.

Preamble to the Constitution

https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/Preamble_Puzzle.pdf

This puzzle familiarizes students with phrases of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

Three Branches of Government

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qvoxVpwpQDgmuXbfUXt9wjlmWSetPhl73dQDArRXXKpg/edit?usp=sharing>

This interactive slide show offers information and web links to further information about the three branches of the U.S. government.

Name _____

Biography of a Signer of the Constitution

My name is _____. I was a _____
_____ who signed the Constitution for the state of _____ on
_____.

I am best/also known for _____
_____.

Something interesting you should know about me is _____

_____. Also interesting is

_____.

My birthplace was _____ on _____. I married
_____ and we had _____ children together. My death
occurred on _____ due to _____.
My final resting place is _____.

I hope to be remembered most for _____
_____.

Name _____

FAMOUS QUOTES RELATED TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

Identify the individual who made each of the following statements. Be sure it is the FIRST person to have said this!!!!

1. "The only title in our democracy superior to President is the title of citizen."

2. "Because man and woman are the complement of one another, we need woman's thought in national affairs to make a safe and stable government." _____

3. "In republics, the great danger is that the majority may not always respect the rights of the minority."

4. "You may have kindled a fire which all of the waters of the ocean cannot put out, which seas of blood can only extinguish." _____

5. "It is emphatically the province of the judicial department to say what the law is."

6. "Our federal union, it must be preserved." _____

7. "One country, one Constitution and one destiny." _____

8. "The people make the Constitution and they CAN UNMAKE IT....."

9. "It is well that the war is so terrible-we should grow too fond of it."

10. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." _____

11. "The women are coming up, blessed be God." _____

12. "I consent to the Constitution, because I expect no better and I am not sure it is not the best."

13. "Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it and secure the blessings of liberty." _____

14. "War is cruelty and you cannot refine it." _____

Now find a quote of your own related to our government. Be sure to write the name of the individual who said it.

