



The
Constitution
of the
United States.....

A Mini Book

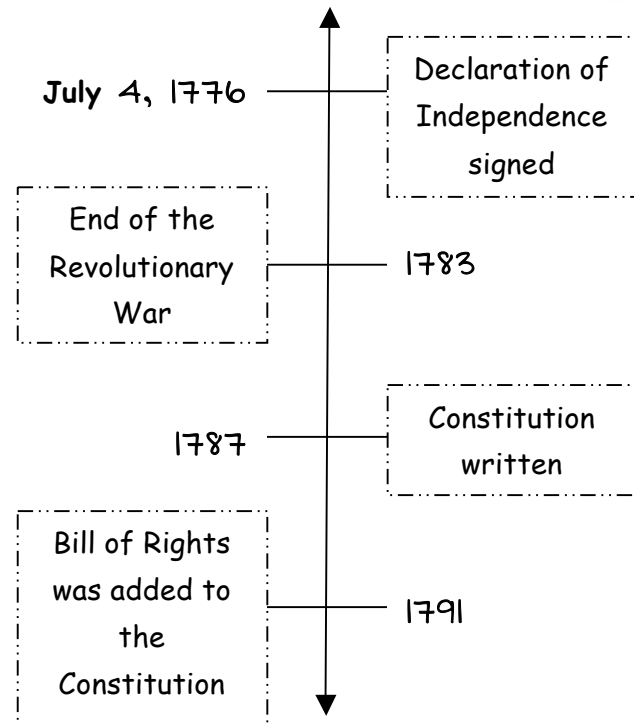
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The Preamble

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United States, in Order
to form a more perfect
Union, establish
Justice, insure domestic
Tranquility, provide for
the common defense,
promote the general
Welfare and secure the
Blessings of Liberty to
ourselves and our
Posterity, do ordain
and establish this
Constitution for the
United States of
America...*



Timeline to a New Country



Did you know that the Constitution was written in 1787?

WOW, that was over 200 years ago!

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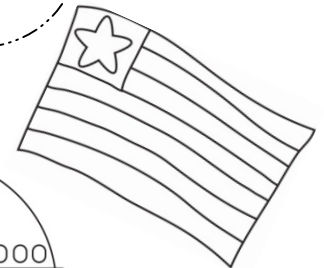
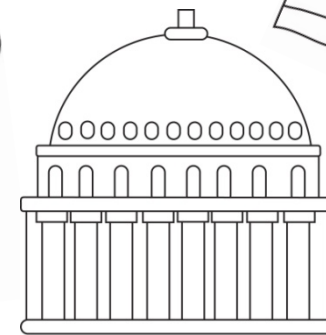
Why do we have a Constitution anyway?



That's a great question!

Well, the men who wrote the Constitution wanted to make some rules for our new country.

They had to set up how the government works. Later on they added the Bill of Rights. It tells what rights the people have.



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Cool Constitution Facts

The men who wrote the Constitution were called Framers.

George Washington and Ben Franklin were framers.

The framers wanted the Constitution to be able to be changed when needed. This is called adding an "amendment".

The Constitution is the highest law in our land.

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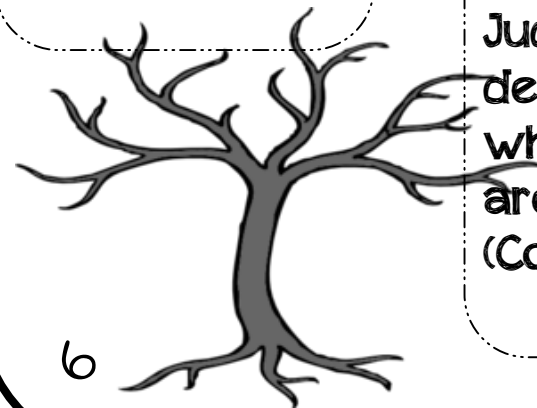
Okay, so now I understand what the Constitution does. But how is our government set up?

It is divided into 3 parts or branches.



#1

**Legislative -
makes laws
(Congress)**



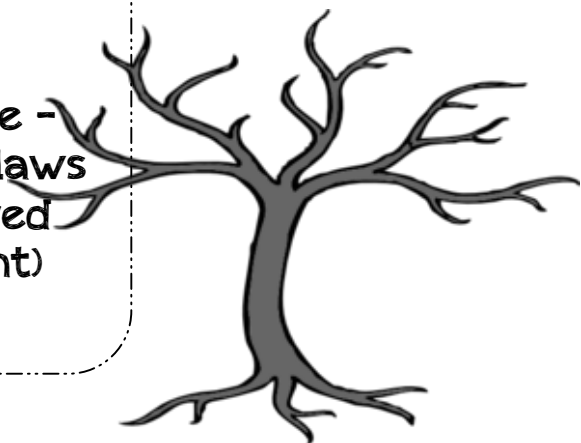
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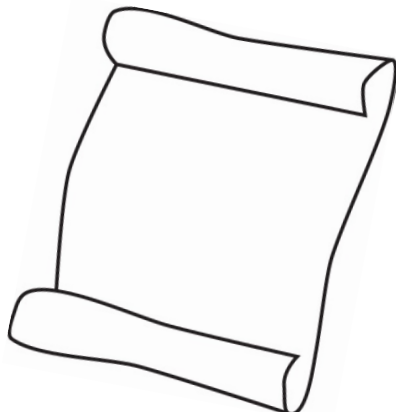
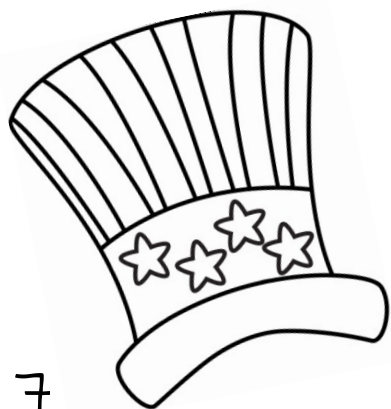
**Judicial -
decides
whether laws
are fair
(Courts)**

#3

Executive -
sees that laws
are obeyed
(President)



Thanks!
Now I know a lot about the
Constitution!



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Constitution Matching

Match the following terms to their correct definitions.

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|-------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. Bill of Rights | a. the highest law in the land |
| _____ 2. Judicial | b. a change to the Constitution |
| _____ 3. Framers | c. tells what rights the people have |
| _____ 4. Constitution | d. men who wrote the Constitution |
| _____ 5. Amendment | e. branch of government that decides whether laws are fair |



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True or False?

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2. _____ The Constitution is over 200 years old.
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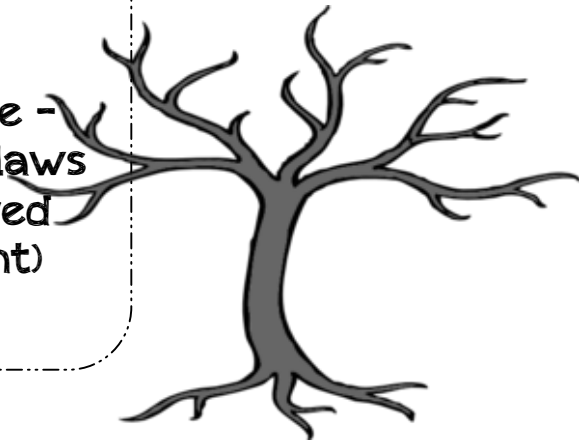
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ordain
People
America
Justice

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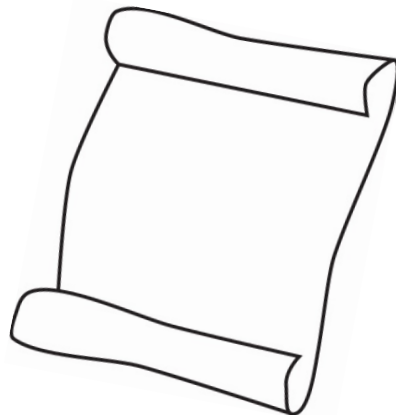
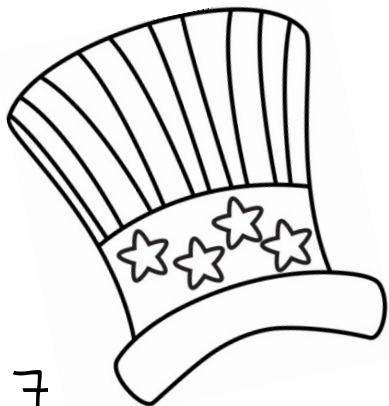


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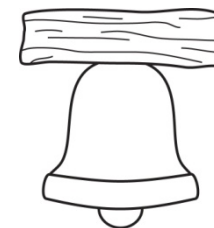
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- ordain
- People
- America
- Justice

