

## Constitution Day: Suggested Discussion Questions

- What is a Constitution?
- What is a Preamble?
- What rights are guaranteed in the Bill of Rights?
- What is government?
- Why did the United States want to write a Constitution?
- What Supreme Court Cases have upheld rights which are guaranteed in the United States Constitution?
- Who wrote the Constitution?
- Did North Carolina have any representation at the Constitutional Convention?
- How many days were the delegates at the Constitutional Convention?
- Where does the United States keep the original copy of the United States Constitution?
- How can Americans make changes to the Constitution?
- When was the United States Constitution signed?
- How many men signed the United States Constitution?
- Why didn't any women sign the United States Constitution?
- Who is known as the "Father of the Constitution"?
- How does the Constitution affect citizens in Hillsborough, NC?
- What is the difference between the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution?
- Why do we celebrate Constitution Day?
- What type of pen was used to sign the United States Constitution?
- What is the difference between rights and responsibilities? How are they similar? How are they different?
- What is a document?
- What is a primary source?
- What are the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited government?
- Does the United States have a strong central government?
- What role did debate play in forming the United States Constitution?
- The preamble to the Constitution mentions "a more perfect Union." What is meant by "a more perfect Union"?
- Why do you think delegates from large states felt they should have more representatives than small states?
- Why do we need rules? How do rules help keep us safe? Do all people need rules? What would happen if everyone had the same rules? What would happen if everyone had different rules? Who should decide what the rules should be?
- What are the roles and functions of the three branches of government?
- How do separation of powers and checks and balances affect the U.S. Government?
- What are the rights, liberties, and responsibilities of U.S. citizens?
- How is the Constitution a living document?
- Why is it important to understand the history of the Constitution?
- Who were the oldest and youngest members of the Constitutional Convention?
- How many amendments to the Constitution have been repealed?
- How is the national government organized and what does it do?
- What does it mean when someone says, "that's unconstitutional"?