

National Park Service

National Constitution Month



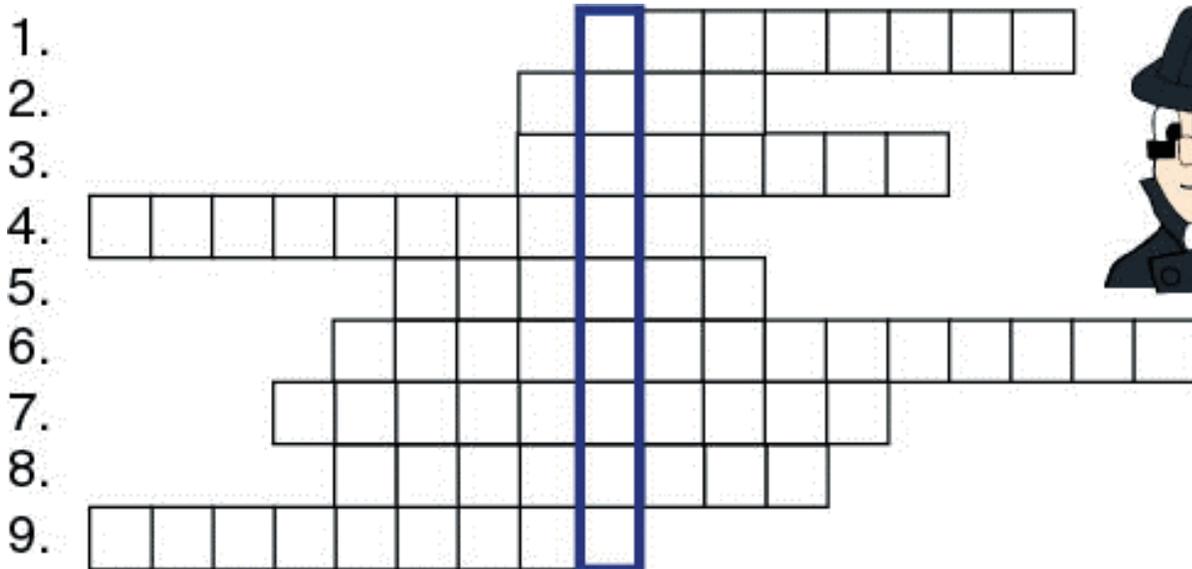
Celebrate the signing of the
Constitution of the United States of America

Thank you for helping us to celebrate National Constitution month. The Constitution of the United States comprises the primary law of the U.S. Government. It describes the three branches of the Government and their jurisdictions. In addition, it lays out the basic rights of citizens of the United States. The Constitution of the United States is the oldest Federal constitution in existence and was framed by a convention of delegates from twelve of the thirteen original states in Philadelphia in May 1787. The Constitution is the landmark legal document of the United States of America.



Ben's Mystery Word Puzzle

Ben needs to send a secret word to his fellow patriots. He has hidden it in this puzzle. To find the mystery word, write the answers to each clue in the blanks provided. The highlighted boxes, which contain the key letters, will spell out the secret word.



1. The U.S. Capitol is located in the _____ of Columbia. (8 letters, key = 1st letter)
2. The President can do this to prevent a bill from becoming a law. (4 letters, key = 2nd letter)
3. The House of Representatives does this when members believe the President is guilty. (7 letters, key = 2nd letter)
4. Representation in the House of Representatives is based on this. (10 letters, key = 9th letter)
5. A system of _____ and balances prevents each branch of government from gaining too much power. (6 letters, key = 4th letter)
6. The process by which people from foreign countries become U.S. citizens. (14 letters, key = 5th letter)
7. System that divides power between the national government and state governments. (10 letters, key = 6th letter)
8. The Supreme Court reviews laws to make sure they do not conflict with the Constitution. This process is called _____ review. (8 letters, key = 5th letter)
9. Guam, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico are each an example of a _____. (9 letters, key = 9th letter)

Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court Word Search

The United States Supreme Court is comprised of nine justices. One serves as Chief Justice. On September 3, 2005, Chief Justice William Rehnquist passed away after serving on the Supreme Court for 33 years; he was Chief Justice for almost 19 years. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has submitted her resignation effective upon the confirmation of her successor. Justice O'Connor has served 24 years. Find the names of the justices who formed the Rehnquist Court by looking forward, backward, and diagonally.

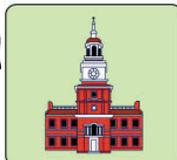
Stephen G. Breyer
 Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 Anthony Kennedy
 William H. Rehnquist
 Antonin Scalia
 John Paul Stevens
 Clarence Thomas
 David H Souter
 Sandra Day O'Connor



Can you match the words with the symbol?

Answers to puzzle on the other side

1. DISTRICT
2. VETO
3. IMPEACH
4. POPULATION
5. CHECKS
6. NATURALIZATION
7. FEDERALISM
8. JUDICIAL
9. TERRITORY



1. White House

2. Statue of Liberty

3. U.S. Flag

4. Independence Hall

5. Liberty Bell

6. Bald Eagle

