

## Constitution Day Resources

*Enhance your knowledge of the U. S. Constitution with primary source documents*

<http://www.waynesburg.edu/web/tps/spotlight>

### ❖ Interactive Activities

#### ➤ *Creating the Constitution Interactive*

- This online interactive allows students to take a look at the Constitution and how it was formed. This interactive activity highlights five topics; we the people, executive, war powers, representation, and taxation. All five of these topics were heavily debated. The interactive allows the student to explore the roots of these decisions and documents that influenced them.

- <http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/creatingtheus/interactives/constitution/index.html>

#### ➤ *Creating the United States Word Search*

- This online interactive activity is a great way to review constitutional terminology. Find the words and continue learning about the Constitution.

- <http://myloc.gov/Education/OnlineActivities/Pages/onlineactivities/wordSearch/index2.html>

### ❖ Library of Congress Collections

#### ➤ *Creating the Constitution Collection*

- This collection of collections looks at the road to the Constitution, the creation of the Constitution, and the applications of the Constitution today.

- <http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/creatingtheus/Constitution/Pages/default.aspx>

#### ➤ *Constitutional Legacy*

- The Constitution has been used throughout history by many groups including politicians and the media. This collection showcases several examples of the Constitution in action.

- <http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/creatingtheus/Constitution/ConstitutionLegacy/Pages/SIObjectList.aspx>

#### ➤ *The New Nation*

- This online collection allows the user to explore conflicts of a new nation and the efforts to ratify the Constitution. Look at an excerpt from constitutional debates in Pennsylvania. Consider what it would have been like to be a delegate at this time.

- <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/newnatn/usconst/>

- *To Form a More Perfect Union*
  - Have you ever wondered what the first drafts of the Constitution may have looked like? This online collection includes documents and photos from the Constitutional Convention.
    - <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/continental/constit.html>
- *Primary Source Set: The Constitution*
  - This collection features some of the library's best primary and secondary sources surrounding the Constitution. You will find images, maps, and documents that will take you back to the Constitutional Convention.
    - <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/constitution/>

## ❖ Lesson Plans

- *The Constitution: Drafting a More Perfect Union*
  - Grades 9-12
    - <http://myloc.gov/Education/Pages/lessonplans/education/lessonplans/constitution/index.aspx>
- *The U.S. Constitution: Continuity and Change in the Governing of the United States*
  - Grades 6-12
    - <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/continuity-change/index.html>
- *The Constitution: Counter Revolution or National Salvation?*
  - Grades 9-12
    - <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/constitution/>

## ❖ TPS Blog

- *Constitution Day: Celebrating the Father of the Constitution*
  - Discover and discuss the most effective techniques for using Library of Congress primary sources in the classroom. Teaching strategies, outstanding primary sources, lesson plans, teacher resources, and current thinking on effective classroom practice are all open for discussion.
    - <http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/2012/09/constitution-day-celebrating-the-father-of-the-constitution/>

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