Constitution Day Teaching Resources

Site for Resources:

Teaching the Constitution | PBS LearningMedia

Video Links:

Constitution USA with Peter Sagal | Built to Last | Episode 4 | PBS

"In this last episode, Peter Sagal travels to Iceland where a few years after the country's economic collapse, leaders decided to create a new constitution, turning to the U.S. Constitution for inspiration. This prompts Peter to consider why our own founding document has been able to last for more than 225 years. He looks at the systems that have kept the Constitution healthy–amendments, judicial interpretation, checks and balances —and also at the political forces that threaten to undermine the framers' vision: excessive partisanship leading to gridlock, money in politics, and gerrymandering. Does our Constitution stand up to the 21st Century? Have we lost the art of democratic deliberation? How are you represented – and does your voice get heard?"

A More Perfect Union: George Washington and the Making of the Constitution (Full Movie)

From George Washington's Mount Vernon: "By 1787, the union between the states was unraveling. To save the young nation, delegates from 12 states met in Philadelphia and, with George Washington presiding, created a new form of government."

Constitutional Compromises: Crash Course Government and Politics #5

Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances: Crash Course Government and Politics #3 4

Quizzes:

Take a Citizenship Quiz | CONSTITUTION USA with Peter Sagal | PBS

To become a citizen of the U.S., prospective Americans must demonstrate their knowledge of basic American history, geography, and the rights and responsibilities that come with citizenship. During an oral exam, applicants are asked 10 civics questions, selected from a list of 100, and must answer six correctly to pass. How well would you do?

Quiz The United States Constitution

From George Washington's Mount Vernon: "How much do you know about the making of the U.S. Constitution? Test your knowledge of the timeline of events and the specifics of the compromises that were made during the Constitutional Convention in our quizzes below."