



Constitution Day Packet 2021

For Elementary School Audiences

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VOCABULARY & SPELLING LIST FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



The Constitution of the United States tells us about who we are and how we will govern ourselves as we live together in America. We wanted to help you understand the words of the Constitution and our laws by giving you a list of words that might be new to you, but that are important to know as you grow up.

Have fun learning these new words and understanding the country around you!

1. Constitution – a group of fundamental principles or established rules according to which a state or other organization has agreed upon and will be governed by
2. Preamble – an introduction or first paragraph, telling the purpose of the writing

3. Amendment – a change or an addition to a writing or a document; an Article of the U.S. Constitution
4. Executive Branch – the branch of government that enforces the law; the branch of government that is responsible to govern the state or country
5. Legislative Branch – the branch of government made up of the House and Senate, known as Congress as a group; the branch of government that makes or writes the law and controls spending
6. Judicial Branch – the branch of government that interprets and applies the laws to the facts of a situation; the branch of government that decides outcomes to legal disputes and defends the rights of parties in legal disputes in courtrooms
7. Voting – an action for a group to make a decision, usually about who can and will hold a public office in a community or stating whether people agree or disagree with a choice of action
8. Jury – a group of people from the community who make a decision about the outcome in a trial in a courtroom; a jury gives a verdict in a case
9. Senate – the smaller part of Congress; each state is given two senators to represent the views of their community in Congress
10. House of Representatives – the larger part of Congress; each state votes on a certain number of representatives based on their population and those representatives work on legislation in Congress

11. Judge – a public official appointed to make decisions about cases in a court of law
12. President – an elected head of state in the Executive Branch
13. Vice President – an elected deputy for the President; a partner in serving and leading the Executive Branch
14. Civic Duty – the responsibilities of citizens to ensure that government reflects their views; the social responsibility we have to one another if we agree to live with and be governed in one country/state/community

Please use these words in your classroom, to learn about the Constitution, and to participate in our government as you grow. We are looking forward to all of the ways that you help shape and influence our community.

Teachers: We hope that this vocabulary and spelling list will increase awareness and use of these terms in your classroom. We want to support your students' learning and conversation about our government and their role in it, so if we can be of further assistance to you, please reach out to us at cle@utahbar.org with any questions, concerns, or seeking a guest for your classroom. Thank you!

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US Constitution Word Search



DEMOCRACY	GOVERNMENT	COMPROMISE
EXECUTIVE	LEGISLATIVE	ARTICLES
CONSTITUTION	FEDERALIST PAPERS	AMENDMENTS
RATIFICATION	CRITICAL PERIOD	FEDERALISM
BALANCES	CONFEDERATION	SEPARATION

