

An Acrostic Poem
to Explain the Word
FEDERAL

For the whole U.S.A.

Everyone in the U.S.A. must follow federal laws

D.C. is a nickname for our federal capital of Washington, D.C.

Every state must think of federal laws before making state laws

Remember that central, national and federal are synonyms

All citizens have federal rights

Living in the U.S. means our nationality is American

Extra Credit Opportunity:

Find a news article that tells about a current event and mentions the U.S. Constitution in the story.

You might find it on an online news site and print it out or cut one out from a newspaper.

Highlight the word Constitution where it is found in the article.

Hole punch the paper and insert it into your government unit right after this page.

Ms. Dill will see it when she collects the unit and will award you 5 points of extra credit for the trimester. Do not try to pass it in to her. Just put it in with your unit.

This should be a current events article and not a piece about the Constitution itself from Wikipedia or some other source such as that.

Name _____ The Five Parts of the Constitution



Part 1: _____

The introduction of the U.S. Constitution lists the six most important goals of the new government:

- Fairness _____ Peace _____
- Protection _____ Well-Being _____
- Freedom _____ Endurance _____

Part 2: _____

The original document had seven sections, telling how the government would work.

- Article 1 _____ Branch
- Article 2 _____ Branch
- Article 3 _____ Branch
- Article 4 _____
- Article 5 - Tells how to _____ (syn: _____)
- Article 6 _____
- Article 7 - Tells how to _____ (syn: _____)



Part 3: _____ (1787)

The men who signed the Constitution were the men who attended the Constitutional Convention and helped to write the new plan for our government.

Yup...James Madison's signature is here. He is the "_____ of the Constitution."

Part 4: _____ (1791)

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The first ten changes to the Constitution were added right away. They were added so that some states would agree to vote for the plan. They list the rights of the People and the States.

Part 5: _____ 11 - 27

These are additional changes made over the years.

