

Suggested Activities for Constitution Day

General Resources

For some of the following activities, you might find it useful to have students refer to the actual Constitution. Visit the **National Archives** at <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>.

Activities for Grades 3–5

Working with their Learning Coaches, students learn the fundamentals of the U.S. Constitution and the basics of the government it established. Explore **Learning Adventures: U.S. Constitution 1789** from the U.S. Government Publishing Office at <https://bensguide.gpo.gov/>. Click Journeyperson and Then the U.S. Constitution: 1789 for more information about one of our founding documents.

Students play an online game and try to catch characteristics of each branch of government established by the Constitution. Choose **Branch-o-Mania** from the U.S. Government Publishing Office at <https://bensguide.gpo.gov/games>. During the game, click I or Learn More to find out why points were earned or lost.

Students decipher the order of the text of the Constitution's Preamble. Access the online puzzle **Constitution Preamble Scramble** from the Texas Law Related Education website (division of the Texas State Bar) at <https://www.texaslre.org/games/>.

Working with their Learning Coaches, students respond to writing prompts as they learn more about the founders' impact on American history. Access **Constitution Day Activities** from Library of Virginia at http://edu.lva.virginia.gov/online_classroom/lesson_plans/constitution_day_activities_elementary. The writing prompts are listed under Lesson Activities.