



OUR AMERICAN IDEALS

LIBERTY

All humans possess the natural right of freedom to pursue happiness, including rights to property ownership, freedom of association, access to free markets, free speech, and religious expression.

EQUALITY

We believe all men and women are created equal, and must be treated equally under the law and in all our interactions.

DEMOCRACY

In America, democracy means government by the people and is expressed by the right of all eligible citizens to vote for representatives and leaders. In our democratic republic, democracy does not mean majority rule.

RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW

Our nation's laws provide liberty and protection and should be willingly honored by all, or changed through lawful processes.

PATRIOTISM

Gratitude and Respect - We remember the patriots who sacrificed to establish these ideals amidst great opposition. We show respect for public servants who uphold these ideals today. We support these ideals in word and action and express our patriotism to ensure they will be preserved for each generation.

Family CONSTITUTION QUIZ

What was the name of our country's first constitution?
Articles of Confederation

Who makes the laws in the United States?
The Congress (House and Senate)

What are the first ten amendments called?
The Bill of Rights

Who interprets the constitution, settling disputes about its meaning?
The Supreme Court

How many people signed the constitution in 1787?
39

What's the total number of amendments to the constitution?
27

Someone accused of a crime in court has what rights?
The right to a public trial without unnecessary delay, the right to a lawyer, the right to an impartial jury, and the right to know who their accusers are and the nature of the charges and evidence against them.

If neither the President or the VP can serve, who would be the next person in charge?
Speaker of the House

If the candidates for President don't have a majority of the electoral votes, how is the President elected?
A vote by the House of Representatives

Has a President ever been elected by the House of Representatives?
Yes, Thomas Jefferson



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CONSTITUTION!

CONSTITUTION DAY 17 SEPTEMBER

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CONSTITUTION!

History of CONSTITUTION DAY

In 1952, President Truman signed a bill that moved "I Am an American Day" from the third Sunday in May to September 17th in order for the holiday to coincide with the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. Congress renamed the holiday Citizenship Day. A joint resolution passed in 1956 requested that the president proclaim the week beginning September 17th thru September 23rd each year as Constitution Week.

The purpose of this holiday is to commemorate the creation and signing of the supreme law of our land and to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities we have as citizens and members of our neighborhoods and communities. We understand by becoming more knowledgeable about the laws of our country, we are better able to respectfully debate and participate to advance the noble cause of freedom.

In 2004, an amendment recorded as Public Law 108-477 required all schools receiving federal funds to hold an educational program for their students on September 17th of each year honoring the signing of the Constitution.

At APA we are honored to celebrate the Constitution and our "American Ideals." We hope all families will read the U.S. Constitution this week and discuss the noble principles presented by our founding fathers.

Reading CHALLENGE

- PREAMBLE
- ARTICLE 1
- ARTICLE 2
- ARTICLE 3
- ARTICLE 4
- ARTICLE 5
- ARTICLE 6
- ARTICLE 7

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CAMPUS READINGS AT

8 AM - DRAPER 3
9 AM - SALEM
10 AM - DRAPER 2
11 AM - WV1
12 PM - DRAPER 1
1 PM - WV2



Famous QUOTES



"We in America do not have government by the majority - we have government by the majority who participate... All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

-Thomas Jefferson

"A primary object...should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing...than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"

-George Washington

"A well-instructed people alone can be permanently a free people."

-James Madison

"We the people are both the masters of Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

-Abraham Lincoln

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests."

-Patrick Henry

"The power under the Constitution will always be in the people."

-George Washington

