



THE CONSTITUTION VAULT ADVENTURE PACK • 6 MISSIONS • FAMILY CIVICS

Use the real Constitution as the authority. Explore • question • verify • serve.

CADET BRIEFINGYOUR MISSION AWAITS

Purpose • source checking • adventure map

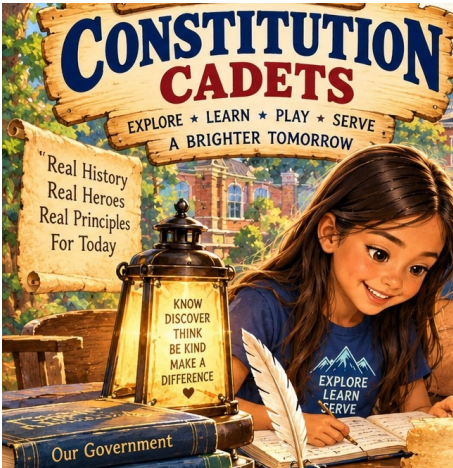


THE VAULT HAS SCATTERED ITS CLUES

- Discover what the Constitution does.
- Meet the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.
- Explore the Bill of Rights.
- Catch facts, opinions, and Fluff.
- Use a primary source to verify a claim.
- Build a fair family constitution and face the Mastery Gate.

CADET MISSION MAP

- 1 Constitution Decoder
- 2 Three-Branch Power Map
- 3 Bill of Rights Vault
- 4 Fluffernutter Fact Check
- 5 Primary-Source Hunt
- 6 Family Constitution + Mastery

**WHAT KIND OF DOCUMENT IS THIS?**

The Constitution creates the framework of the federal government: offices, branches, powers, limits, relationships, and a process for amendment.

PREAMBLE

Introduces the Constitution's purposes.

SEVEN ARTICLES

Build the original federal framework.

AMENDMENTS

Change or add to the Constitution; the first ten are the Bill of Rights.

DOCUMENT DETECTIVE**Declaration of Independence**

Why the colonies declared independence + founding ideals

U.S. Constitution

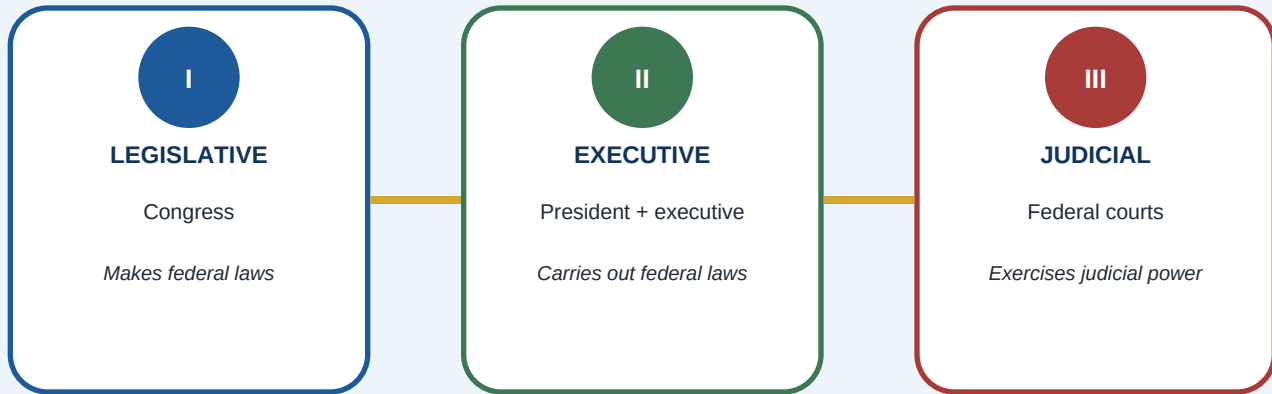
Framework of the federal government

Bill of Rights

First ten amendments

CADET TRANSLATION

In your own words: why would a country need rules for its government?



CHECKS + BALANCES = POWER IS SHARED

CHECKS TO TRACE

- President may veto legislation.
- Congress may override a veto with the constitutionally required vote.
- Federal courts may hold government action unconstitutional in cases before them.
- The Senate has constitutional roles in appointments and treaties.

DRAW THE POWER TRAIL

Draw arrows between the branches. Label each arrow with one check you learned.

These are memory clues, not substitutes for the actual amendment text. Use Mission 5 to inspect the primary source.

1

Religion • speech • press • peaceful assembly
• petition

2

Keep and bear arms

3

Quartering of soldiers

4

Unreasonable searches and seizures

5

Due process + legal protections

6

Criminal trial protections

7

Civil jury trial protection

8

Bail • fines • punishments

9

Unenumerated rights principle

10

Reserved powers principle

SCENARIO DECODER

A peaceful group wants to assemble and petition the government. Which amendment would you investigate first, and why?



FLUFFERNUTTER'S SUSPICIOUS CLAIMS

FACT?

The Constitution has seven Articles.

FLUFF?

The President writes every federal law alone.

FACT?

The first ten amendments are the Bill of Rights.

FLUFF?

The Constitution requires Pancake Saturday.

YOUR EVIDENCE BOARD

Choose one claim. Mark FACT, OPINION, or FLUFF. Then write how you would verify or repair it.

CLAIM: _____

VERDICT: ■ FACT ■ OPINION ■ FLUFF

EVIDENCE / REPAIR:

SOURCE HUNT

- ☐ Find "We the People."
- ☐ Find Article I.
- ☐ Find Article II.
- ☐ Find Article III.
- ☐ Find Article V.
- ☐ Find the First Amendment.
- ☐ Find the Tenth Amendment.



PRIMARY-SOURCE STAR

Use a printed Constitution or an official transcript. Copy one short phrase that helped you verify a fact.

SHORT PHRASE:

WHAT FACT DID IT HELP YOU CHECK?

WHAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT THE REAL DOCUMENT?

OUR FAMILY CONSTITUTION**PREAMBLE**

What kind of home are we trying to build?

ARTICLE I — KINDNESS

How will we treat one another?

ARTICLE II — RESPONSIBILITY

What responsibilities do we share?

ARTICLE III — DISAGREEMENTS

How will we listen, decide, and repair?

AMENDMENT RULE

How can we fairly change these rules later?

MASTERY GATE**1. What is the Constitution's basic job?**

2. Name the three branches.

3. What are the first ten amendments called?

4. Why are checks and balances useful?

5. What should you do when a civics claim sounds suspicious?

CADET ARTIFACT CARDS

Cut • sort • match • teach

Cut along the borders. Match branch to Article, amendment to clue, and source to purpose. Add one ridiculous card of your own and

LEGISLATIVE

Congress • Article I



EXECUTIVE

President • Article II



JUDICIAL

Federal courts • Article III



FIRST AMENDMENT

Religion • speech • press • assembly • petition



BILL OF RIGHTS

First ten amendments



PRIMARY SOURCE

Check the actual text before repeating a claim



BONUS FLUFF CARD

Write one made-up constitutional claim here: _____



PRIMARY-SOURCE STAR

CONSTITUTION CADET COMPLETE

I can explain the Constitution's basic purpose, identify the three branches, describe the Bill of Rights, and check a civics claim against a trustworthy source.

Cadet

Teacher / Parent

Date

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