

What do you know about the U.S. government?

The U.S. Constitution

The main rules of the United States are written in the Constitution. It was written about 200 years ago. George Washington and several other men decided what it would say.

The Constitution says that the U.S. government should have three branches. The people who work in one part make laws. The people in the second part make sure the laws are followed. The people in the third part tell what the laws mean.

The Constitution gives people rights. A person has the right to go to the church he wants. He has the right to choose what he writes. He has the right to be treated fairly.

The Constitution is important to everyone in the United States!



1. **Look** at the underlined sentence in the passage. **Circle** the letter for the answer below that tells what **branches** means.

- a. trunks b. goes a different way c. parts

2. **Draw** a line from the beginning of each sentence to its ending.

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| a. The Constitution tells | • | • | decide what would be in the Constitution. |
| b. George Washington helped | • | • | to be treated in a fair way. |
| c. People have the right | • | • | how the government should be run. |

3. What is the Constitution mostly about? _____



What do you think it would be like to live in the United States if there were no Constitution? Write your ideas on the back of this sheet.