

Characters

Teacher	Tara	Tate
Madeline	Andrew	Zach
Mary	Alex	Tiffani
Lucas	Jordan	Sam
Garrett	Bella	Karie
Stephanie	Connor	Matthew
Peter	Tonya	Jason
Tony	Lacey	Brett
Lizabeth	Gabi	

Teacher: Good morning Students! Happy Constitution Day to all of you! Are all the groups ready to give their presentations?

Madeline: As ready as we'll ever be.

Teacher: Glad to hear it! Let's get started! When I call on your group, I want you all to go to the front of the classroom to give your presentation. First up is the group assigned to research and present on the history of how the Constitution came to be written.

(Mary, Lucas, Garrett, and Stephanie stand up and go to the front of the class.)

Mary: The Constitution was written in 1787. At that time, the United States was a brand new country, made up of only 13 states. It was clear to the leaders of this new country that rules and laws needed to be established so the country would run smoothly and fairly.

Lucas: From May to September 1787, a group of men called Framers met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They took turns presenting their ideas and convincing the other men why certain things should or should not be included in the government they were trying to create.

Stephanie: Did you notice that Lucas said "men"? That's right. No women were involved in this process. At this time in American history, women were not allowed to be involved in anything like this. These rights were only given to white men.

Garrett: Anyway, once the Framers came to a basic agreement on how the country should run, the Constitution was written. It was adopted on September 17, 1787 - and then sent to each state for approval. All thirteen states eventually agreed to - or ratified - the Constitution.

Teacher: Great job! Okay, let's move on to the group covering the Amendment Process.

(Madeline, Tara, and Peter stand up and go to the front of the class, as Mary, Lucas, Garrett, and Stephanie return to their desks.)

Madeline: Our group thinks that the Framers of the Constitution were pretty wise. They actually recognized at that time that what they had written and adopted was probably not perfect. They built in a process so that changes could be made to the Constitution.