

## Interesting Facts

- Constitution Day is celebrated on September 17, or the preceding or following weekday, if it falls on a Sunday, the anniversary of the day the framers signed the document.
- The oldest person to sign the Constitution was Benjamin Franklin (81). The youngest was Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey (26).
- Because of his poor health, Benjamin Franklin needed help to sign the Constitution. As he did so, tears streamed down his face
- A proclamation by President George Washington and a congressional resolution established the first national Thanksgiving Day on November 26, 1789. The reason for the holiday was to give “thanks” for the new Constitution.
- The first time the formal term “The United States of America” was used was in the Declaration of Independence.
- The word “democracy” does not appear once in the Constitution.



# The Preamble



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**CELEBRATES...**

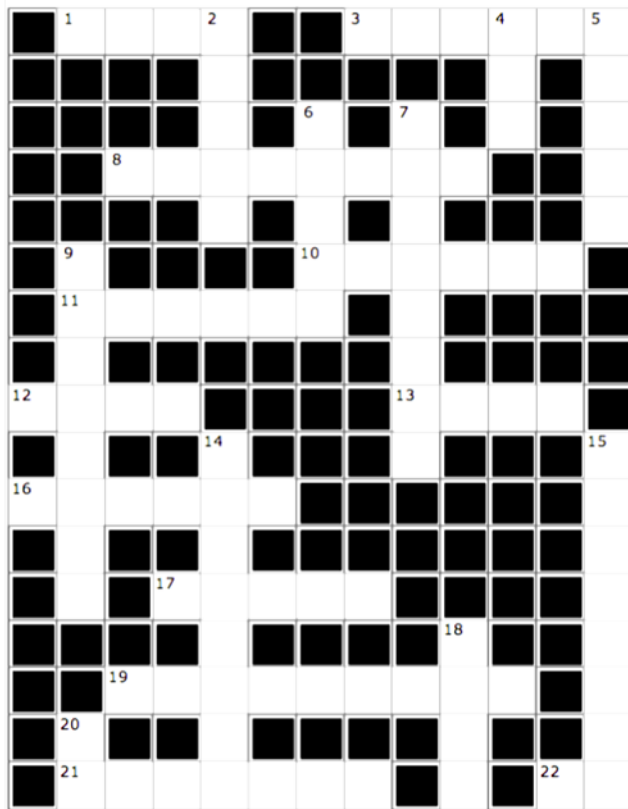
*Constitution Day*  
*Wednesday, September 17, 2025*



Why Celebrate?

The purpose of Constitution day is to ensure that students in our country are gaining knowledge and appreciation for this valuable and important document of freedom..

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## ACROSS

- 1 - a/k/a Freedom of Information Act.
- 3 - To repress opinions or speech.
- 8 - The first word found in the First Amendment.
- 10 - One of the First Amendment's Five Freedoms.
- 11 - A set of principles of right, moral conduct.
- 12 - The number of freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment.
- 13 - These are enacted by Congress.
- 16 - Supreme Court case allowing students to wear black armbands in protest.
- 17 - False and malicious written statement about someone.
- 19 - An editor's opinion.
- 21 - A false and malicious oral statement about someone.
- 22 - United States (Abbr.)

## DOWN

- 2 - To change a law.
- 4 - The highest court in the U.S. (Abbr.)
- 5 - An Illinois case that brought down the patronage system.
- 6 - One of the First Amendment's Five Freedoms.
- 7 - One of the Five Freedoms giving Americans the freedom to gather in groups.
- 9 - The first freedom mentioned in the First Amendment.
- 14 - The last freedom mentioned in the First Amendment.
- 15 - Federal law-making body.
- 18 - Type of speech intended to degrade someone based on race or ethnicity.
- 20 - Same as 22 Across.

# Constitution Day Puzzles

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