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September 17 Birthday of the U.S. Constitution for Grades 7-12

NYS Learning Standard 5: Students will: use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of the necessity for establishing governments; the governmental system of the U.S. and other nations; the U.S. Constitution; the basic civic values of American constitutional democracy; and the roles, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship, including avenues of participation.

Catalog Number: DS2358

Title: Constitution Video Quiz

Imprint: Teacher's Video, 2002.

Physical Description: Digital Video Stream, 37 min.

Summary: Presents a comprehensive overview of the United States Constitution. The program documents the Constitution's various stages, from the drafting of the Articles of Confederation to the amendment and voting process. Host Constance Adams discusses the importance of such key figures as Alexander Hamilton, Daniel Shay, George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin. The program offers a series of twenty multiple-choice questions intended to test understanding of the three branches of government--the executive, legislative, and judicial--the Great Compromise, the Bill of Rights, the Federalist papers, and more.

Audience: [Junior High](#), [Senior High](#).

Catalog Number: V3078

Title: Almost painless guide to the U.S. Constitution VHS

Edition: CLOSED CAPTIONED

Imprint: UL 1999

Physical Description: 20 mins. col 1

Summary: Amusing co-hosts Harlan and Marie lead us step by step through the document that forms the basis of our governments. Students will learn about the ideals of American Constitutional government, the theory of the "We the People," and the concepts laid out by the Preamble. We'll also discuss how the Constitution empowers the government to fulfill its responsibilities, while at the same time limiting those powers. The Bill of Rights and the amendments are also covered in detail.

Audience: [Intermediate](#), [Junior High](#), [Senior High](#)

Catalog Number: V5855

Title: American Constitution: the road to Runnymede VHS

Imprint: AIMS 1992

Physical Description: 58 mins. col 1

Summary: This program examines the English roots of the U.S. Constitution, explaining how the fundamental principles of "rule of law" and "limited government" have been translated into the American system. Host Christopher Reeve guides viewers through dramatic recreations covering 600 years of political struggle from Magna Carta in 1215 to the Philadelphia Convention of 1787. Viewers will relive the political turmoil of 17th

century England and become acquainted with John Locke and others whose theories greatly influenced colonial America.

Audience: [Senior High](#), [Intermediate](#), [Junior High](#)

Catalog Number: X327

Title: Curriculum VHS

Imprint: Ambrose 1998

Physical Description: 23 mins. col 1

Summary: There is nothing in the Constitution about education and hence, not national curriculum. So what are high school students supposed to learn and who decides? This program looks at how high school curricula are made and practiced in different states. Also features razor-sharp opinions from Hunter High School teens on what is taught to students and what it means.

Audience: [Junior High](#), [Senior High](#).

Catalog Number: DS2735

Title: Benjamin Franklin: The Chess Master

Imprint: PBS, 2002.

Physical Description: Digital Video Stream, 76 min

Summary: Describes the work of Benjamin Franklin during the American Revolutionary War, focusing in particular at his attempts to secure France's support during an era of bloodshed and die-hard independence. The presentation also explores Franklin's role in the drafting of the Constitution and weighs the influences of nature, science, and reason--key components of Enlightenment thinking--on his decisions and life.

Audience: [Intermediate](#), [Junior High](#), [Senior High](#).

Catalog Number: X999

Title: In the beginning VHS

Imprint: PBS 1987

Physical Description: 58 col 1

Summary: This program features discussions with Michael Kammen, Pulitzer Prize winner, and professor of history at Cornell University, about the Constitution's place and role as a symbol in American life.

Audience: [Senior High, Adult](#)

Catalog Number: V1187

Title: We the kids: the preamble to the Constitution of the United States VHS

Imprint: Spoken Arts 2003

Physical Description: 10 mins. col 1

Summary: Based on the picture book by David Catrow and introduced by the author. Three youngsters and a basnet hound set out on a camping trip guided by the words of the Preamble.

Audience: [Primary, Intermediate](#)

Catalog Number: V7529

Author : [Maestro, Betsy](#)

Title: A more perfect union: the story of the Constitution VHS

Imprint: SpkenArts 1998

Physical Description: 15 col 1

Summary: The men who met in Philadelphia to create our nation's most precious document lived through a very human drama.

Audience: [Preschool, Primary](#)

Catalog Number: V7576, DS231, SA3573

Title: Shh! We're writing the Constitution VHS

Imprint: WWS 1998

Physical Description: 32 mins. col 1, Digital Video and Audio Stream.

Summary: Jean Fritz introduced elementary and middle school students to the delegates at the 1787 summer convention in Philadelphia. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, James Madison and many others traveled there to draft a plan that would unify their states while preserving their sovereignty.

Audience: [Primary, Intermediate](#)

Catalog Number: X751

Title: United States Constitution VHS

Edition: CLOSED CAPTIONED

Imprint; Schlessinger 1996

Physical Description; 25 mins. col 1

Summary: Irene Bedard, the voice of Disney's Pocahontas, narrates this unprecedented American history series created especially for young children. This multi-volume series provides a balanced portrayal of U.S. history, covering standard historical figures and events as well as the perspectives of women, children and other groups whose stories are often overlooked.

Each program teaches important aspects of America's history through the use of large, brightly colored graphics and animations, charming live-action portrayals of historic figures and

engaging stories told from a child's point of view. Sing-along songs with on-screen lyrics and upbeat music add to the excitement of these programs.

Audience: [Kindergarten, Primary](#)

Catalog Number: V6044

Title: Our Constitution VHS

Imprint: Rainbow 1993

Physical Description: 24 col 1

Summary: Fully utilizing the spectacular backdrop of the events which surrounded the "We the People 200" celebration, in Philadelphia 1987, this video simply, clearly and with dramatic flair examines and explains the historical significance of the Constitution, its structure and function, and its present day meaning and importance.

Audience: [Intermediate](#)

Catalog Number: V5913

Title: The Presidency VHS

Imprint: Rainbow 2004

Physical Description: 28 mins.

Summary: Our Federal Government (U.S. State Dept. and the Voice of America) have selected Rainbow's "Our Federal Government" video series to broadcast to 287 embassies throughout the world. This is the series that will be used to show the world how our system of government has evolved and how it works today.....Over 200 years ago when the authors of the Constitution created the executive branch of the Federal Government, they also specified the basic powers and responsibilities of the Presidency. This program explores the Presidency, its influence and power, and its relationship to the Legislative and Judicial Branches.

Audience: [Intermediate, Junior High](#)

Catalog Number: V5912

Title: The Legislative Branch VHS

Imprint: Rainbow 2004

Physical Description: 30 mins.

Summary: The authors of the Constitution established Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government. Congress is an arena for expressing opinions, agreeing, disagreeing, and for compromise. Controversy is also oftentimes a part of this branch as seen during the Clinton impeachment proceedings. In spite of this, no President can effectively govern without the support of Congress. This program examines the role of Congress, its organization, powers and responsibilities, and requirements to serve.

Audience: [Intermediate, Junior High](#)

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Catalog Number: V3077

Title: Almost painless guide to the judicial branch VHS

Edition: CLOSED CAPTION

Imprint: UL 1998

Physical Description: 20 mins. col 1

Summary: The Almost Painless Guide to the Judicial Branch looks at judicial checks and balances, the functions of the Supreme Court, and the appointment of Justices. It also delves into judicial overview of lower courts and the power of the Supreme Court to influence history.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: V5911

Title: The Supreme Court

Imprint: Rainbow Educational Media, 2004.

Physical Description: Videocassette Dubbable, 30 min..

Summary: People have often had to struggle and protest to achieve their rights. The Supreme Court is the branch of government to make sure the ideal of equal justice under the law is upheld in practice. This program includes a look at the courts system and the philosophy, political, and social climate associated with the system.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High.

Catalog Number: DA305 or Video Stream SO92

Title: Seeds of the Constitution

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005

Physical Description: DVD or Digital Video Stream, 30 min.

Summary: 1619 – Virginia Colonists Create the First Legislative Assembly, 1733 – Parliament Restricts Free Trade Through the Molasses Act, 1735 – The Peter Zenger Trial Lays the Seed for Freedom of the Press, 1739 – Black Uprising in South Carolina Foreshadows Constitutional Crisis, 1739 – The Great Awakening and the Separation of Church and State.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.

Catalog Number: DA306 or Video Stream SO93

Title: Founding the Constitution

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005

Physical Description: DVD, Digital Video Stream, 30 min-

Summary: 1750 - Iron Act Restricts American Business, 1754 – The Albany Plan of Union Sets Out the Foundation for the U.S. Constitution, 1760 - James Otis Fights for the Security of People in Their Homes, 1765 – The Stamp Act and Taxation Without Representation, 1774 - The Quartering Act Leads to the Third Amendment, 1774 - Massachusetts Creates the Minutemen Militia

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.

Catalog Number: DA307 or Video Stream SO94

Title: Writing the Constitution and the Bill of Rights

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005

Physical Description: DVD or Video Stream.

Summary: 1774 - First Continental Congress Meets in Phila-

delphia, 1776 - Declaration of Independence, 1786 – Shays' Rebellion Shows the Need for a New Constitution, 1787 - The United States Constitution is Written, 1788 - Congress Sends 12 Amendments to the States, 1789 - Alexander Hamilton Shapes America's Modern Industrial Economy,

1791 - States Ratify Madison's Bill of Rights

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.

Catalog Number: DA308 or Video Stream SO95

Title: Testing the Constitution

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005

Physical Description: DVD or Digital Video Stream, 30 min.

Summary: 1793 – Congress Enacts a Fugitive Slave Act, 1794 – Congress Passes the 11th Amendment Protecting States Rights, 1794 – Freedom to Protest is Tested in the Whiskey Rebellion, 1796 – John Adams Becomes the Second President of United States Inaugurating the Two-party System and is Responsible for the 12th Amendment, 1798 – Alien and Sedition Acts Usher in a Bleak Period of American Political Freedom, 1803 – John Marshall Establishes a Strong Supreme Court Through Marbury v. Madison

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.

Catalog Number: DA309 or Video Stream SO96

Title: The Constitution survives

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005

Physical Description: DVD or Digital Video Stream, 30 min.

Summary: 1810 – Marshall Establishes the Sanctity of Contracts, 1828 – Jacksonian Democracy and the Constitution, 1848 – Mexican American War and Manifest Destiny Set up America's Greatest Constitutional Crisis,

1861 – Southern States Secede and Force Constitutional Crisis.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.



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Catalog Number: DA310 or Video Stream SO97

Title: **The Constitution is expanded**

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005

Physical Description: DVD or Digital Video Stream., 30 min.

Summary: 1865 – 70 - 13th, 14th, 15th Amendments: The Anti-Slavery Amendments, 1872 – Susan B. Anthony Fights for Women's Right to Vote, 1887 - The Interstate Commerce Act Opens the Door for Increased Federal Power, 1896 – Plessy v. Ferguson Establishes Separate but Equal for Black America, 1913 – 16th Amendment Creates the Income Tax, 1913 – 17th Amendment Allows for the Popular Election of Senators, 1918 - Prohibition and the 18th Amendment.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.

Catalog Number: DA311 or Video Stream SO98

Title: **The Constitution in a changing world**

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005.

Physical Description: DVD or Digital Video Stream ,30 min.

Summary: 1919 - The Supreme Court Limits Free Speech and Freedom of the Press in Schenck v. U.S., 1920 – Women Gain the Right to Vote Through the 19th Amendment, 1933 – 20th and 21st New Deal Amendments Herald a Change in American Life, 1951 – Americans Limit a President to Two Terms with the 22nd Amendment, 1954 – Brown v. Board of Education Ends "Separate but Equal" for Black America, 1961 – Citizens of Washington D.C. Gain the Right to Vote with the 23rd Amendment.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.

Catalog Number: DA312 Digital Video Stream SO99

Title: **Constitutional reform and controversy**

Imprint: Ambrose Video Publishing, 2005

Physical Description: DVD or Digital Video Stream., 30 min.

Summary: 1961 - Supreme Court Prevents Illegal Search and Seizure with Mapp v. Ohio, 1964 – Warren Court Strengthens "Innocent Until Proven Guilty" Through Miranda, 1964 - 24th Amendment Prohibits Poll Taxes in Federal Elections, 1967 - 1992 - The 25th, 26th and 27th Amendments Reform America's Political Landscape, 1973 - Roe v. Wade Extends Constitutional Right of Privacy, 2000 – America Contests a Presidential Election.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult.

Catalog Number: DS2559

Title: **Collision Course: Part One**

Imprint: Intelcom, 1999.

Physical Description: Digital Video Stream, 29 min.

Summary: Confronts First Amendment rights and contemporary debates on immigration, labor, and the working class. This riveting mini-drama observes the rift that occurs after a vocal anti-immigration speaker visits an economically unstable, diverse community. Contending that the city has violated his right to free speech afforded in the Constitution, the offensive speaker seeks legal council from a surprising source. A wrap-up

segment profiles America in terms of race, religion, and ethnicity and traces the immigration and assimilation of people from Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Looking in particular at the historical experiences of Native Americans and immigrants from **China** and Mexico, the presentation makes important conclusions about citizenship and civil rights in modern-day society.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High.

Catalog Number: DS2560

Title: **Collision Course: Part Two**

Imprint: Intelcom, 1999.

Physical Description: Digital Video Stream, 29 min.

Summary: Continues to explore issues of race, immigration, and free speech through a dramatized story about an inflammatory community protest. In this drama, the First Amendment is placed under the microscope as culture and ideology clash: two high-powered, immigrant lawyers struggle over representing a client who is outwardly opposes immigration. A wrap-up segment looks at how protest has changed history--from Martin Luther King Jr.'s activist involvement in the civil rights movement to neo-Nazi demonstrations in Chicago during the 1970s. Focusing specifically on the First Amendment of the Constitution and events following World War Two, this powerful program teaches American values through a gripping story line.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High.



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Catalog Number: Digital Audio Stream SA4276-SA4282
Title: The Constitution of the United States of America
Summary: The Reading of articles 1-7 of the United States Constitution.
Audience: Junior High, Senior High.

Catalog Number: SA3087
Title: U.S. Government: The First 200 Years: A Constitution for Yesterday, A Constitution for Today
Imprint: Clearvue, 1996.
Physical Description: Digital Audio Stream, 3 min
Audience: Junior High, Senior High.

Catalog Number: JD9
Title: Making of the Constitution Jackdaw
Imprint: Jackdaw Pub. 1972
Physical Description: col 1
General Note: Buell map of the United States of North America, 1784; a chronology on the Making of the Constitution and a list of delegates to "The Grand Federal Convention." Edmund Randolph's presentation of the Virginia Plan; page of Washington's copy of first printed draft of the Constitution; draft of Benjamin Franklin's speech on slavery; Gallery of portraits with contemporary comments; proposal for the Bill of Rights.
Summary: This jackdaw observes the participants and examines the issues, ideals and principles that led to our Constitution. The historical document replicas allow students to touch and read some of the same documents our founding fathers used. Hands-on documents include three forms of the Constitution, a proposal for a Bill of Rights, a chronology of events and a list of the delegates to "The Grand Federal Convention." Historian: Elizabeth Bidwell Bates
Audience: Junior High, Senior High.

U.S. Constitution Websites

US Constitution Education

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www.mhcc.edu/pages/1462.asp

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www.constitutioncenter.org/explore/ForKids/index.shtml

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