



SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 16 FOR CONSTITUTION DAY!

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Dear Educator:

As you prepare for the start of another school year, we wanted to remind you of the many resources Constituting America offers to help your students mark **Constitution Day – to be celebrated this year in schools on Friday September 16, 2011!**

As you know, educational institutions that receive federal funds are required to hold an educational program on the U.S. Constitution on or around September 17 each year (*Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, Public Law 108-447*). To fulfill this requirement, Constituting America is pleased to offer you free of charge the 45-minute **“We the People 9.17 Documentary”** for use in your classroom or school assembly. This innovative documentary – which can be viewed or downloaded at www.constitutingamerica.org/film – spotlights the winners of the 2010 “We the People 9.17 Contest,” highlighting their winning entries through music videos and fun footage while imparting meaningful lessons about the Constitution. We hope you will show this film to your students on or around September 16 and encourage them to mark Constitution Day by wearing red – the color of our flag that represents valor.

The Constituting America website (www.constitutingamerica.org) also offers a wealth of additional resources aimed at engaging America’s youth and citizens in learning about our nation’s founding principles. In addition to links to full-text copies of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and more, you’ll find information on:

- **2012 We The People 9.17 Contest** – Encourage your students to enter the 2012 Contest Now! Best Short Film, PSA, Song, Essay, Poetry, Artwork and more! Categories for all ages! Prizes & Publicity! For complete rules and information, and to sign up online, go to this link: <http://www.constitutingamerica.org/downloads.php>
- **Youth Blog & Constitutional Fun Facts** – Encourage your students to “Join the Constitutional Conversation” with Juliette Turner, Constituting America’s National Youth Director. Share these historical facts with your students in class! Access Juliette’s blog here: <http://www.constitutingamerica.org/juliette/>
- **90 in 90 Project** – Introduce your students to this 90-day online forum where participants jointly read and analyze the Constitution and the Federalist Papers – download both projects as PDFs! Click here for 90 Essays on the 85 Federalist Papers and the U.S. Constitution: <http://constitutingamerica.org/docs/90In90FederalistPaperProject.pdf>
Click here for 90 Essays on the U.S. Constitution, with Juliette Turner’s U.S. Constitution for Kids explanatory essays for younger students included: <http://constitutingamerica.org/docs/AnalyzingTheUnitedStatesConstitutionIn90Days-forAdultsAndKids.pdf>
- **Patriot Clubs** – Find out how your students can form their own Patriot Club to learn about the Constitution in fun and creative ways. Get started with your Patriot Club at the link below: <http://www.constitutingamerica.org/patriotstart.php> Register your Patriot Club to receive helpful materials and information here: <http://www.constitutingamerica.org/patriotregister.php>

Should you have any questions or would like to learn more about Constituting America, please feel free to contact us at (202) 255-0101 or visit www.constitutingamerica.org.

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