



A FREE MOVIE TO PLAY FOR YOUR KIDS!

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Dear Educator,

Hi! I'm Janine Turner. I am an actress. I starred in "Northern Exposure," "Cliffhanger," & "Friday Night Lights." Why am I writing you? I am using my expertise in the arts to inspire kids to learn about the U.S. Constitution! My co-chair, Cathy Gillespie, and I launched a nationwide contest for Best Song, Best Short film, Best PSA, Best Essay, Poem and Artwork about the U.S. Constitution. We'd like to share our **40 minute** film that documents the student winners, or shall I say, patriots, from around the country!

Constituting America, a non-partisan educational 501 (c) (3) founded in 2010, offers to help your students mark **Constitution Day – to be celebrated this year on Tuesday, September 17, 2013!** Educational institutions that receive federal funds are **required** to hold an educational program on the U.S. Constitution on or around September 17th each year.

What better way to fulfill this requirement than with Constituting America's **40-minute "We the People 9.17 Documentary: The Constitution, Reality Show Style."** Use it in your classroom or school assembly! This DVD can also be viewed and downloaded for free at <http://www.constitutingamerica.org> More copies are available by request, by emailing us at constitutingamerica@yahoo.com

This innovative documentary was filmed by special permit at historical sites in Philadelphia during our most recent Winners' Trip. It stars the winners of the "We the People 9.17 Contest," and highlights their winning entries – best song, best public service announcement, best short film, and more - while imparting meaningful lessons about the Constitution and our country's founding principles. We hope you will show this 40 minute DVD to your students on or around September 17th 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 adults and students in learning about our nation's founding principles.

- **2014 We The People 9.17 Contest** – Encourage your students to enter the 2014 Contest Now! Best Short Film, PSA, Song, Essay, Poetry, Artwork and more! Categories for all ages! Prizes & Publicity! The 2014 rules will be posted by November 1st on <http://www.constitutingamerica.org>
- Constituting America's National Youth Director, Juliette Turner, has written her first book, ***Our Constitution Rocks***, published by Zondervan, a subsidiary of Harper Collins. Every finalist in our We The People 9.17 Contest receives a free copy of Juliette's book! Last year we gave away 300 copies to students with meritorious entries in our contest.
- **90 in 90 Project** – Introduce your high school students to this 90-day online forum where participants jointly read and analyze the Constitution, the Amendments and the Federalist Papers. This project is searchable, archived, and downloadable as PDFs!

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.

Sincerely,

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