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UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

The United States Constitution was drafted during the summer of 1787. This four-page document, signed on September 17, 1787, established the government of the United States. On September 25, 1789, the First Congress of the United States ratified 10 amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights. Since that date, 17 additional amendments have been added to the U.S. Constitution.

Your search for information on the *United States Constitution* can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

Use the *Library Catalog* located on the Cerritos College *Library Home Page* to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Some **Constitution**-related subjects are listed below:

[United States. Constitution](#)

[Constitutional law - United States](#)

[Constitutional history - United States](#)

Reference Books

The Founders' Constitution

REF KF4502 .F68 1987

The Complete Bill of Rights: the Drafts, Debates, Sources, and Origins

REF KF4744 .C6 1997

U.S. Constitution A to Z

KF4548.5 .M33 2008

Shapers of the great debate at the Constitutional Convention of 1787

REF E302.5 .M674 2006

The Anti-Federalists : a Biographical Dictionary with Collected Speeches and Writings

REF E302.5 .W35 2004 v1 - 2

Encyclopedia of the First Amendment

REF KF4770 .E53 2009

Guide to the Presidency

REF JK516 .G83 2008

Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America

REF JC599 .U5 E53 2005

New York Times on the Supreme Court, 1857-2008

REF KF8742 .J67 2009

Constitutional Amendments, 1789 to the Present

REF KF4557 .C665 2000

Landmark Supreme Court Cases : A Reference Guide

REF KF4549 .L58 1999

The Constitutional Law Dictionary

REF KF4548.5 .C47 v 2 Sup 1

The Constitution and its Amendments

REF KF4557 .C66 1999 v 1 - 4

Encyclopedia of the American Constitution

REF KF4548 .E53 2000

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Online Journal and Reference Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

Gale Databases
EBSCOhost
CQ Electronic Library

NewsBank
Proquest Newspapers
Facts on File
Project Muse

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number. See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

Constitution Day

<http://www.constitutionday.com/>

Constitution of the United States

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/constitution/>

U.S. Constitution for Law Students

<http://tinyurl.com/2dc5g4k>

The Founders' Constitution

<http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/>

A Multitude of Amendments, Alterations and Additions

http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/dube/inde1.htm

National Constitution Center (NCC)

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/>

National Archive Experience (NARA)

<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/>