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CONSTITUTION DAY IS SEPTEMBER 17



Constitution Day Mystery

Use the code to find the answers to the mystery questions on these *Kid Scoop* pages.
You can also read "Fascinating Facts about the U.S. Constitution" to discover the answers.

How many times has the
U.S. Constitution been
changed since 1791?

CONSTITUTION CODE

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Is the U.S. Constitution the
shortest written constitution
of any major government?

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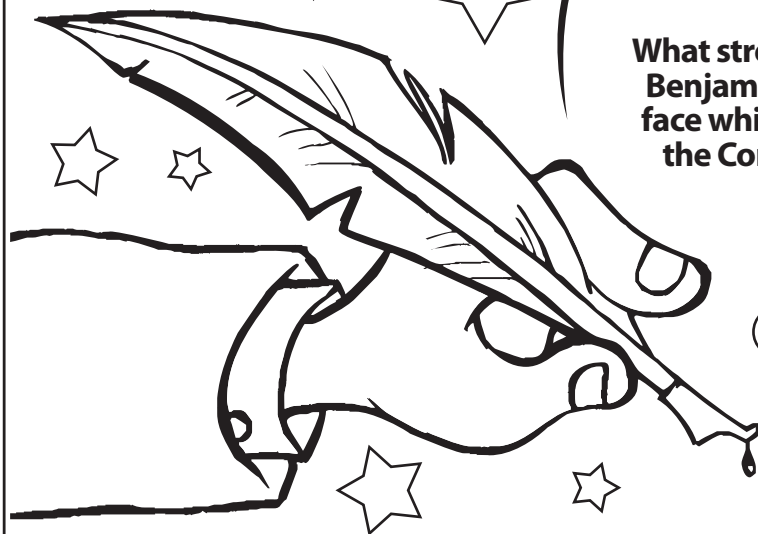
How many
signers of the
U.S. Constitution
were born in
Ireland?

21 12 6 9

What streamed down
Benjamin Franklin's
face while he signed
the Constitution?

7 22 26 9 8

How many stars
can you find on
these pages in 60
seconds? Have a
friend try. Who
found more?





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Philadelphia News

How many newspapers did Philadelphia have at the time of the Constitutional Convention?

7 22 13

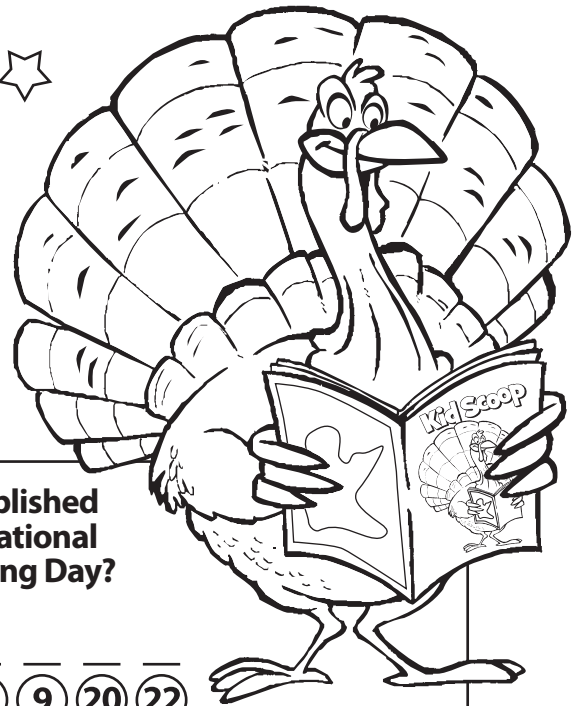
What kind of gas fills the special cases that hold the original Constitution?

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Who established the first national Thanksgiving Day?

20 22 12 9 20 22

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Fascinating Facts about the U.S. Constitution

The U.S. Constitution has 4,400 words. It is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any major government in the world.

Since 1952, the Constitution has been on display in the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. Currently, all four pages are displayed behind protective glass framed with titanium. To preserve the parchment's quality, the cases contain argon gas and are kept at 67 degrees Fahrenheit with a relative humidity of 40 percent.

Because of his poor health, Benjamin Franklin needed help to sign the Constitution. As he did so, tears streamed down his face.

Aproclamation by President George Washington and a congressional resolution established the first national Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 26, 1789. The reason for the holiday was to give "thanks" for the new Constitution.

As evidence of its continued flexibility and durability, the

Constitution has been changed only 17 times since 1791!

At the time of the Constitutional Convention, Philadelphia was the most modern city in the United States and the largest city in North America. It had a population of 40,000 people, 7,000 street lamps, 33 churches, 10 newspapers and a university.

Four of the signers of the Constitution (named Butler, McHenry, Fitzsimons and Paterson) were born in Ireland.

Standards Link: History: Students understand historical events and democratic values commemorated by national holidays.



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Kid Scoop Together

Preamble Scramble

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution is the introduction to this important document.

Here is the Preamble scrambled. Cut out each part of the Preamble and paste it in the correct order on another sheet of paper.

**to form a more perfect
Union, establish Justice,**

**Welfare, and secure the
Blessings of Liberty to**

**establish this
Constitution for the**

**insure domestic
Tranquility, provide for**

**the common defence,
promote the general**

**We the People of the
United States, in Order**

**United States of
America.**

**ourselves and our
Posterity, do ordain and**

.....

Spelling Challenge

Look through the newspaper and find the letters to spell each of the following words:
Constitution, Preamble, Rights, Amendments

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

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Puzzler



The U.S. Constitution was written with a quill pen, a pen made from a feather. Can you find the two quill pens that match?



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

PROCLAMATION

The noun **proclamation** means the act of announcing something to the public in writing or in a speech.

The mayor made a **proclamation** that kids would get free ice cream every Tuesday.

Try to use the word **proclamation** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



What dance was very popular in 1776?

ANSWER: Independance!



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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between fact and opinion in expository text.

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Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally.
Then look for them in these *Kid Scoop* activity pages.

RESOLUTION

PREAMBLE

QUALITY ☆

ARGON

REASON

LAMPS

QUILL

MAJOR ☆

GLASS

TEARS

FACT ☆

CASES

FACE ☆

SIGN

N	O	I	T	U	L	O	S	E	R
N	R	F	K	E	N	L	L	O	W
O	G	O	A	T	A	B	I	Y	O
S	U	I	J	C	M	R	R	U	H
A	T	I	S	A	E	S	S	S	Q
E	T	H	E	F	M	P	O	R	Y
R	A	R	G	O	N	M	F	A	C
T	P	Y	T	I	L	A	U	Q	S
S	E	S	A	C	G	L	A	S	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words.
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Answers

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How many times has the U.S. Constitution been changed since 1791?

Seventeen

Is the U.S. Constitution the shortest written constitution of any major government?

Yes

What streamed down Benjamin Franklin's face while he signed the Constitution?

Tears

How many signers of the U.S. Constitution were born in Ireland?

Four

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How many newspapers did Philadelphia have at the time of the Constitutional Convention?

Ten

What kind of gas fills the special cases that hold the original Constitution?

Argon

Who established the first national Thanksgiving Day?

George Washington

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Preamble Scramble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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