

Constitution Day – September 17

On September 17, 1787, 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution of the United States of America. Schools around the nation celebrate this event every year by offering educational materials to their students.

Lake Forest Graduate School of Management has developed a quiz that can be distributed to students in our MBA program. The answers appear on page 3.

Fill in the blanks to the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

We the _____ of the United States, in order to form a more perfect _____, establish _____, insure domestic _____, provide for the common _____, promote the general _____, and secure the blessings of _____ to ourselves and our _____, do ordain and establish this _____ for the United States of _____.

Answer the following questions in the space provided:

1.	Illinois became a part of the Union in what year?
2.	What is the Constitution of the United States of America?
3.	From what four Freedom Documents did our Constitution and Bill of Rights derive its philosophy?
4.	Where did the final surrender of the British to the American troops take place, ending the Revolutionary War?
5.	How long did the Revolutionary War last?
6.	Who is the <i>Father of our Country</i> ?

7.	Who kept the most complete record of the 1787 Constitutional Convention and is known as the <i>Father of the Constitution</i> ?
8.	Who was the President of the 1787 Constitutional Convention?
9.	Which state did not send delegates to the Constitutional Convention and was the last of the 13 states to ratify the Constitution?
10.	Fifty-five delegates attended the Constitutional Convention. How many delegates actually signed the document at the convention?
11.	Which state was the <i>first</i> state to ratify the Constitution?
12.	What are the three branches of government?
13.	There are 27 constitutional amendments. True or False.
14.	Which amendment guarantees freedom of speech and the right to peaceably assemble?
15.	Which amendment states that all powers not delegated to the Federal Government by the Constitution are reserved for the states or people?
16.	Which amendment forbids the government from compelling a person accused of a crime to testify against himself?
17.	Which amendment prohibits slavery?
18.	Which amendment gave women the right to vote?
19.	Which amendment protects the right to bear arms?
20.	Which amendment guarantees freedom of religion?

Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

We the **People** of the United States, in order to form a more perfect **union**, establish **justice**, insure domestic **tranquility**, provide for the common **defense**, 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**.

1. Illinois was the 21st state to ratify the Constitution: December 3, 1818
2. The supreme law of the land (Article VI, Clause 2)
3. Magna Carta, 1215; Petition of Rights, 1628; Writ of Habeas Corpus, 1679; English Bill of Rights, 1689
4. Yorktown, Virginia
5. 8 years – from 1775 to 1783
6. George Washington
7. James Madison
8. George Washington
9. Rhode Island
10. 39
11. Delaware – December 7, 1787
12. Executive, Legislative, and Judicial
13. True
14. First Amendment
15. Tenth Amendment
16. Fifth Amendment
17. Thirteenth Amendment
18. Nineteenth Amendment
19. Second Amendment
20. First Amendment