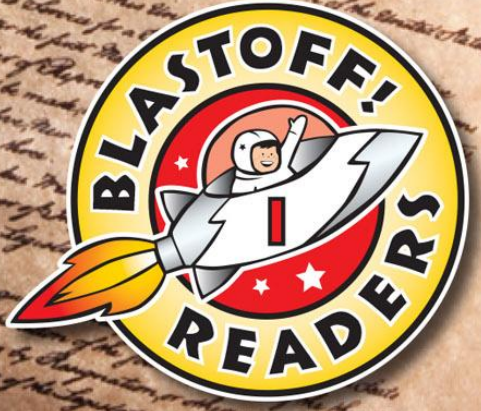


SYMBOLS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM

The United States 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 defence, and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for

Article I





Note to Librarians, Teachers, and Parents:

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Level 1 provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

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The background of the page features a stylized American flag. The top left corner is filled with blue stars on a dark blue background. A green and yellow diagonal stripe runs from the top right towards the bottom left. The bottom right corner shows a photograph of the White House at dusk, with its iconic neoclassical architecture and the Grand Staircase illuminated. The text is overlaid on a white, torn-edge paper effect.

What Is the Constitution?

The Constitution explains how the **government** works.

A photograph of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., taken at dusk. The building is illuminated from within, with warm yellow light glowing through the windows and the large central dome. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds. The building's architecture is classical, featuring a prominent dome topped with a statue. A wide set of stairs leads up to the right side of the building. In the foreground, a green lawn is visible with some people sitting on the grass.

U.S. Capitol Building

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