



CELEBRATE THE CONSTITUTION!

Recommended Outline

Below is a suggested outline you may use to structure your video presentation. Under “Supplemental Information,” you will find basic, summarized information about the U.S. Constitution and Constitution Day that you may incorporate into your video if you choose to do so. Please note that your video should be no more than seven minutes long. We have assured teachers and school administrators that the presentations will be non-partisan, informative, accurate, historical and relevant to contemporary society. ***Thank you for helping to make it so!***

I. INTRODUCTION (30 seconds - 1 minute)

- Provide your name and any other information about yourself that might give context to your presentation (job title, experiences, accomplishments, etc.).
- Provide a summary of what you’ll cover in your presentation.

II. YOUR PRESENTATION (1-5 minutes)

- Give your presentation on your chosen amendment or topic, being sure to connect it to contemporary issue(s). Should you wish to cover additional amendments or topics, we welcome you to create additional videos.
- Speak/sing/rap clearly. Incorporate tips included in our Best Practices Guide.
- Urge students to explore the Constitution’s enduring value as well as critically analyze it considering the challenges and complexities of today.

III. CLOSING (1 minute)

- Thank your audience(s) for watching your *Celebrate the Constitution!* video.
- Encourage students to visit www.myschoolmyrights.com for more information about their individual rights.

I. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- **The U.S. Constitution is one of the most influential documents in world history.**
 - The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution are known as the United States of America’s founding documents.
 - The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the United States. It establishes and defines how the American people are governed, and protects basic rights of all people in the nation.
- **Constitution Day was established as a national holiday in 2004.**
 - The U.S. Congress mandated (made it law) that schools receiving federal funds must provide educational programming about the Constitution on or near the anniversary of its signing – Sept. 17, 1787.