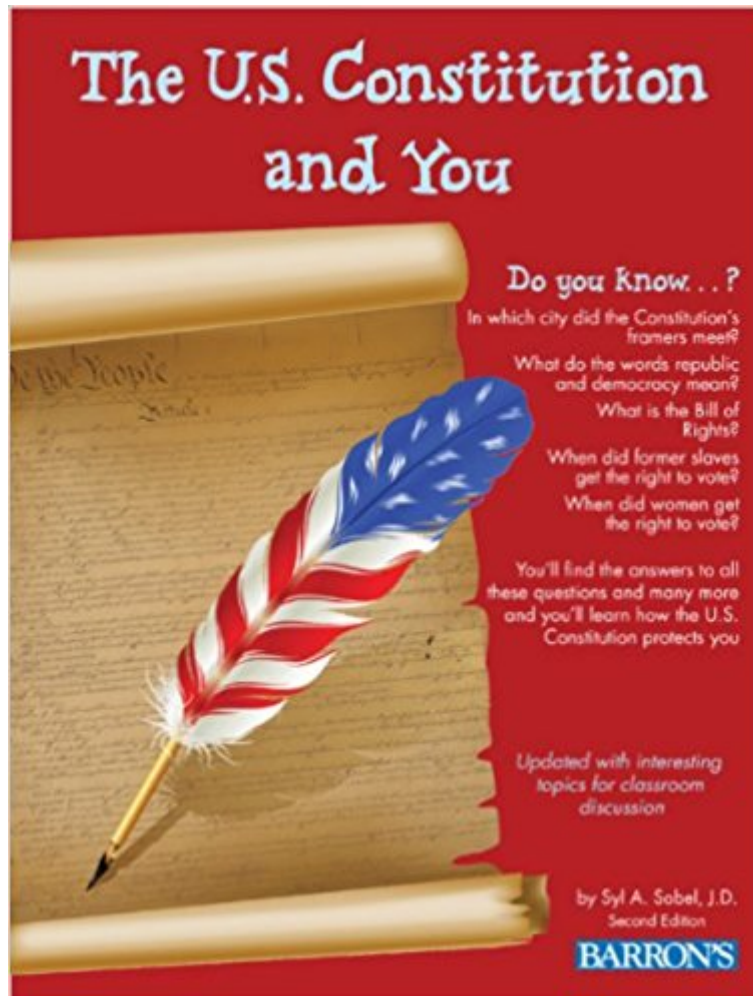




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# The U.S. Constitution And You



## Synopsis

Written in terms kids can understand, this revised and updated book explains what the United States Constitution does, and describes how it affects and protects people today. Boys and girls discover how that great document gives citizens many rights, including the right to vote, as well as to enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to worship or not worship according to their religious beliefs, to disagree openly with government policy, and to defend oneself in courts of law when accused of crimes or civil wrongs. Kids also see how, according to the Constitution, many rights are reserved for the separate states, communities, and individuals. This book's language is clear and simple. It cites many examples that relate directly to each student's own experiences. This new edition has been updated with interesting topics for classroom discussion.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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I had hopes that the second edition of "The U.S. Constitution and You" would be better than the first. Unfortunately, it's still a confusing book. It presents a very complex set of information. The attempts made to simplify the information only make it more confusing. For instance there is no

indication of how the president is chosen. Besides that, there is a diagram of "The President and the Departments of the Cabinet," but nowhere in the text is there a discussion of what the Cabinet is. There is a focus on the judicial branch of government, but the author uses "court" to mean federal courts in some cases and state courts in others. The pictures in the book are still black white and blue drawings. They still look like they come from a 1950s textbook. There is an indication in this edition that the Framers are sometimes referred to as "The Founding Fathers." And the sentences that started with "We call this..." In the previous edition have been replaced, yet the tone and still condescending. What was the "Selected Bibliography" in the first edition is called a "Resource Guide" in this edition. This edition adds a discussion question at the end of some of the chapters. However, the answers to the discussion questions are not always in the chapter just read. At the end of the introduction, the discussion question is "Who gives the U.S. government its power?" Yet nothing is written about who gives the government its power in the introduction. As with the previous edition, I wish I could say something positive about this book. Instead, however, I find it muddies an already complex set of information.

These were PERFECT for my 8 and 11 year old to help explain the elections that are going on right now that our family is following oh so closely. It's been kinda cool after the kids reading these that they have a better understanding and we can now talk politics as a family ;-)

I love this series!

Very helpful for young people.

Great first book/ intro to the constitution.

Good overview of the Constitution for kids. It gives them the basics that you can get started and add other materials to study the Constitution depending on the age of the child.

Very informative!

I really like this book! It is simply written, easy to understand and I like the illustrations. I have used it in teaching 7 to 10 year old students about the constitution and how our government is organized and another teacher borrowed it to teach a remedial high school student.

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