

Additional Resources

Slide Presentation Template

Branded slide deck formatted for you to shape your own lesson.

Simplified Bill of Rights

PLAIN-LANGUAGE VERSION OF ALL TEN AMENDMENTS AVAILABLE.

[WA Courts large-group outline](#). An easy way to fill discussion time: Read two or three amendments aloud and ask the room, “*What would change if we didn’t have this one?*” That single question does more than any lecture. Strong picks to engage students:

- **First amendment:** Speech, religion, the press, gathering peacefully. Ask what they’d want to be free to say.
- **Fourth amendment:** No searches without a good reason. Kids feel this one instantly via backpacks and phones.
- **Sixth amendment:** A fair, speedy trial and a lawyer. This is where you come in.
- **Eighth amendment:** Punishment must fit the crime. Good for a fairness debate older elementary kids love.

Constitution Day Talking Points

Quick reference with key themes organized by grade band (elementary, middle school, and high school) with corresponding messages and legal examples on the page.

Printable Presenter “Cheat Sheet”

Will help keep you on track with the agenda, core ideas, takeaways, and discussion questions.

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