Read on Your Own

Social Studies Key
- Biography
- Citizenship
- Cultures
- Economics
- Geography
- History

Extra Support

The U.S. Constitution and You
by Syl Sobel,
Barron’s Educational Series, 2001
This book examines what the Constitution is and what it does.

The Bill of Rights:
Protecting Our Freedom
Then and Now
by Syl Sobel,
Barron’s Educational Series, 2008
This book describes the freedoms—such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of assembly—guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

A More Perfect Union:
The Story of the U.S.
Constitution
by Betsy Maestro and
Giulio Maestro,
Tandem Library Books, 1999
This brief history of the Constitution includes the Constitutional Convention, the ratification of the Constitution, and the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights
by Norman Pearl,
Picture Window Books, 2007
This illustrated book describes how the Bill of Rights was created and what it means to people today.

On Level

John Jay: First Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court
by Phelan Powell,
Tandem Library Books, 2001
This book provides an illustrated chronicle of the life of John Jay, including timelines and a glossary.

Shh! We’re Writing the Constitution
by Jean Fritz,
Penguin, 1997
This entertaining, well-written story tells about the 1787 Constitutional Convention and the framers of the U.S. Constitution.

The Alexander Hamilton You Never Knew
by James Lincoln Collier,
Children’s Press, 2004
This illustrated biography describes the life of one of New York’s delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Challenge

In Defense of Liberty:
The Story of America’s Bill of Rights
by Russell Freedman,
Holiday House, 2003
Historic and present-day challenges to individual rights are discussed in this exploration of the Bill of Rights.

A Kid’s Guide to America’s Bill of Rights: Curfews, Censorship, and the 100-Pound Giant
by Kathleen Krull,
Avon Books, 1999
This book uses present-day examples to show the continued importance of the Bill of Rights.

Creating the Constitution: 1787
by Christopher Collier and
James Lincoln Collier,
Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 1998
This book describes early American politics and government.

Constitution Translated for Kids
by Cathy Travis,
Synergy Books, 2006
This book provides a sentence-by-sentence translation of the Constitution into kid-friendly language paired with descriptions of how the Constitution has changed over time, the three branches of government, and the amendments to the Constitution.