

[Louisiana Act 370 | Section 1. R.S. 17:2119 is enacted to read as follows:](#)

Celebrate Freedom Week

Each September, in conjunction with Constitution Day and Constitution Week, each public school shall observe Celebrate Freedom Week. As part of this observance, the public school governing authority shall ensure that all students receive age and grade-appropriate instruction, in a social studies or other appropriate course, on topics related to freedom. Such topics may include but are not limited to instruction related to the nation's founding and the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights.

Sample resources available from the [National Constitution Center](#) and the [Library of Congress](#)

Constitutional Convention and Civic Dialogue

- [Civic Dialogue](#) (classroom resources)
- [The Constitutional Convention](#) (classroom resources)

Overview of the U.S. Constitution

- [Library of Congress:Constitution Day Resources](#)
- [The Constitution of the United States: En Espanol](#)
- [The Constitution Annotated](#) (primary sources, articles, lesson plans)
- [Constitution 101 Curriculum](#) (HS lesson plans)
- [The Declaration of Independence: Created Equal?](#) (HS lesson plans)
- [The U.S. Constitution: Continuity and Change in the Governing of the United States](#) (HS lesson plans)
- [The Constitution: Counter Revolution or National Salvation?](#) (HS lesson plans)
- [George Washington: First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of His Countrymen](#) (HS lesson plans)
- [Article I.](#) Legislative Branch (classroom resources)
- [Article II.](#) Executive Branch (classroom resources)
- [Article III.](#) Judicial Branch (classroom resources)

Federalism and the Separation of Powers

- [Separation of Powers](#) (ELEM/MS/HS lesson plans)
- [Federalism and Separation of Powers](#) (classroom resources)

Bill of Rights and Amendments

- [Article V. Amendment Process](#) (classroom resources)
- [Bill of Rights](#) (ELEM lesson plan)
- [The Bill of Rights: Debating the Amendments](#) (HS lesson plans)
- [First Amendment Overview](#) (MS/HS lesson plans)
- [Constitution Hall Pass: Bill of Rights](#) (video)
- [Freedom of Assembly and Petition](#) (MS/HS lesson plans)
- [Freedom of the Press](#) (MS/HS lesson plans)
- [Fourth Amendment](#) (MS/HS lesson plans)
- [Eighth Amendment](#) (MS/HS lesson plans)
- [14th Amendment](#) (classroom resources)

Rule of Law and Civil Rights

- [Rule of Law](#) (9-12 lesson plan)
- [Constitution Hall Pass: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Legacy of Service](#) (video)
- [Rosa Parks](#) (primary sources and teacher's guide)
- [Women's Suffrage: Their Rights and Nothing Less](#) (primary sources and lesson plans)
- [Jim Crow and Segregation](#) (primary sources and lesson plans)

Symbols of the United States of America

- [Symbols of the United States](#) (primary sources and teacher's guide)

[Online registration is available](#) to the following virtual events hosted by the National Constitution Center

Monday, September 12

- **{Virtual Signers' Hall Tour (11 a.m.):}** Virtual audiences can join a Center's museum educator for a tour of Signers' Hall, the iconic exhibit featuring life-size statues of the 42 men who gathered in Philadelphia for the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. We'll guide you through that historic year as we explore the events that led up to the Constitutional Convention, the debates between the delegates, and the compromises that led to the Constitution that was signed on September 17.

Tuesday, September 13

- **Virtual Story of We the People Tour (1 p.m.):** The National Constitution Center is taking its signature exhibit, The Story of We the People, virtual through this special LIVE guided tour. One of our museum educators will guide you through our 250-year constitutional timeline, as you journey from the period before the American Revolution right up to present day, highlighting historic elections, landmark Supreme Court cases, and momentous events like the Civil War and Prohibition. We'll also take a look at how the government works, exploring exhibits about federalism, the three branches of government, the separation of powers, checks and balances, and more. And of course, we will spotlight how "We, the People" have influenced constitutional history.
- **Inside Independence Hall Virtual Tour (5 p.m.):** Let's take a trip to the room where it happened, the signing of the Constitution, that is! The National Constitution Center and Independence National Historical Park are partnering to bring virtual audiences inside the Independence Hall, the building where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were signed. Virtual visitors will get a behind-the-scenes look as a park ranger takes us through the famous Independence Hall, revealing stories of conflict, collaboration, and the ongoing experiment in self-government.

Wednesday, September 14

- **Constitution 101 Launch (6 p.m.):** National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen and Chief Learning Officer Kerry Sautner will unveil Constitution 101, the Center's NEW 15-unit course that's the perfect guide to understanding the U.S. Constitution, and is available in multiple versions—making it ideal for all audiences. A full curriculum is available for teachers to implement in their classrooms, and a lighter "crash course" offers lifelong learners a chance to brush up on their constitutional knowledge. Each unit contains videos, primary sources, reading activities, and more.

Thursday, September 15

- **Virtual Signers' Hall Tour (11 a.m.):** Virtual audiences can join a Center's museum educator for a tour of Signers' Hall, the iconic exhibit featuring life-size statues of the 42 men who gathered in Philadelphia for the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. We'll guide you through that historic year as we explore the events that led up to the Constitutional Convention, the debates between the delegates, and the compromises that led to the Constitution that was signed on September 17.
- **Virtual 19th Amendment Tour (1 p.m.):** The Center's museum educator will lead virtual audiences on a LIVE guided tour of our newest exhibit that traces the triumphs and struggles that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The tour will help participants to better understand the long fight for women's suffrage, and will also highlight some of the many women who transformed constitutional history—including Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Alice Paul, and Ida B. Wells. Plus, viewers will get an up-close look at some of the one-of-a-kind artifacts on display, including a rare printing of the Declaration of Sentiments from the nation's first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, a ballot box used to collect women's votes in the late 1800s, Pennsylvania's ratification copy of the 19th Amendment, as well as visually compelling "Votes for Women" ephemera.
- **Virtual Walking Tour of Historic Philadelphia (6 p.m.):** Join members of the National Constitution Center's Education Team on a virtual walking tour of the historic sights and scenes of Old City Philadelphia. Located just steps from Independence Hall, where the Constitution was drafted and signed, the National Constitution Center sits within what has been called the nation's "most historic square mile." We'll visit some of the area's most significant sites including Arch Street Meeting House, the First and Second Banks of the United States, the President's House, and others to see how these sites connect to both the nation's founding story and its ongoing constitutional conversation.

Friday, September 16

- **Preamble Reading (7:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.):** Let's read the Preamble to the Constitution together as We the People in front of the new inspiring First Amendment tablet overlooking Independence Mall.
- **Constitution Day Naturalization Ceremony (8:30 a.m.):** On September 16 we not only celebrate Constitution Day, but also Citizenship Day, a holiday meant to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens. In recognition of this special observance the National Constitution Center hosts an annual Naturalization Ceremony as part of our Constitution Day celebrations, during which 50 immigrants from across the globe will take the Oath of Allegiance to officially become citizens of the United States. The Honorable John R. Padova, senior judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, will preside over the ceremony.
- **Judges on Judging Event (10 a.m.):** Judge Marjorie Rendell, Judge Cheryl Ann Krause, and Judge Stephanos Bibas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit join us to discuss how they approached some of the most significant appellate cases on last term's docket. The judges will also explain how the federal courts of appeal work and their role in the federal courts system.
- **Kids Town Hall: The Constitution and the First Amendment (11 a.m.):** The Constitution may have been written in 1787 by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, but it has also been impacted by many people and events over the last 235 years. One of our best tools to facilitate change is through the First Amendment. During this special program, visitors will have the opportunity to "meet" famous figures who used the First Amendment to ensure "We, the People" includes all the people. Special guests will include Benjamin Franklin, Dora Lewis, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and more.

- **The Constitution’s Birthday Celebration—With Preamble Reading and Cake Cutting (11:30 a.m.):** Join the National Constitution Center to wish the Constitution a happy 235th birthday LIVE in front of the recently installed First Amendment Tablet! After a lively reading of the Preamble to the Constitution, the Center will highlight some of our newest resources, including Constitution 101, our 15-week course on the Constitution. The celebration will conclude with birthday cake cutting and fanfare.
- **Scholar Exchange: The Constitutional Convention (12 p.m.):** Historians and legal experts join National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen for a discussion on the issues and events in early America that led to the Constitutional Convention. We will also explore the major debates at the Convention, and how those discussions shaped the future of the United States. Panelists will also discuss their careers, as well as answer questions from participants.
- **Common Ground and Compromise: A Congressional Conversation (2:30 p.m.):** Join the National Constitution Center for an engaging and informative session with former U.S. Representatives to learn about what it's like to serve in the Legislative Branch. Our speakers will reveal what it's like to run for office and share their experiences from the campaign trail, as well as what a day in the life of a member of Congress looks like. They will also discuss the importance of bipartisanship and working across the aisle.

