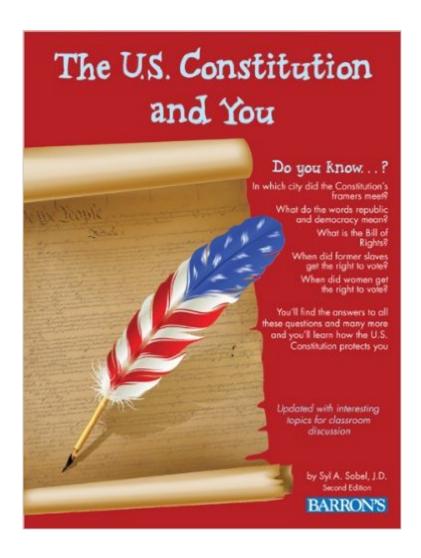
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The U.S. Constitution And You





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

This book has a good glossary and index (very important), and good discussion questions for each section. The sections include:Branches of GovernmentChecks and BalancesThe People's Powersthe Amendment ProcessThe Rights of the Peoplethe Rights of the StatesSome vocabulary: league, organize, confederation, contribute, defend, delegate, monarchy...Now, then.On page 22, in a section called The People's Powers, the book says this: ..."it gives the people the right to elect members of Congress and the president." Whoops: The people do not elect the president, the people vote for electors who elect the president. (Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution)On page

17, The vice president is described as a member of the Executive Branch, when in reality his/her Constitutional role is a legislative one. (Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution)On page 27, there is confusing language in the section called The Rights of the People. Sometimes the author uses "they gave the right" and sometimes "they protected the right." The correct understanding is that the Constitution protects individual rights (and state rights) from infringement by the federal government. In a similar vein, the discussion on pages 28-29 on the 2nd amendment treats the Right to keep and bear arms as a permission from government, rather than an individual right. (See also the USSC Heller Decision, 2008) Apart from those problems... well, with problems like these, maybe you need to keep looking for a good book on the US Constitution.

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