After numerous compromises and conflict, the Constitution’s final version was ratified, which lays out the nat’l govt’s responsibilities, powers, etc.. These are the articles that make it up: (articles may be divided into subsections and clauses, which are not covered here)

| Number | Purpose |
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| I | There is a Congress, which is the Senate and HOR. Each house determines its operating procedure. |
| II | There is an executive branch headed by a President; he/she/they will be the commander of the nation’s military, enforcer of laws and can suggest things to Congress. |
| III | There is a national court; we explicitly create the Supreme Court but Congress may create or manage other ones.  All major federal court officials serve for life unless killed or impeached.  The national courts settles interstate conflicts, debates over nationwide law,etc.  We also pay our court officials. |
| IV | Each state must provide its criminal records to all other states, and if someone commits a crime in one state but runs to another, the person may be returned to the home state after capture. |
| V | We can add amendments through a process.  There are two stages:  STAGE 1: Either house can vote and if 66% of either house votes YES, further discussion may be initiated and the process may continue.  STAGE 2: 75% of state legislatures must vote to ratify.  If you want to undo something, it is common practice to just pass another amendment that says “Amendment XYZ is now invalid”. |
| VI | This Constitution applies nationwide. This is because of the previous inconsistencies in law. |
| VII | Something about ratification I don’t understand the text |
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In addition, there are numerous amendments added on after; this includes the Bill of Rights, the Prohibition and Prohibition Reverser amendment, etc.

The Bill of Rights includes:

I: Freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly

II: Right to bear arms

III: No troops voluntelling people into providing quarters.

IV: No unreasonable searches

V: Self-incrimination protections, indictment procedure and “can’t get charged twice” rule

VI: Speedy trial

VII: Lawsuits and juries

VIII: Cruel and unusual punishment and excessive fine or bail.

IX: Listing a right should not take away others.

X: Other stuff idk

Other amendments include:

* The one that determines how Senators are chosen
* The ones regarding slavery
* Voting rights