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As a whole, the Constitution establishes a system of separation of powers through the creation of these three branches, each of which were designed to check and balance each other. In this course, we will examine competing theories of, and approaches to, constitutional interpretation.

Key Concepts in the Constitution

Many Native Americans became citizens by a variety of means such as marriage, treaties, or military service. The Second Amendment protected local militias like the Minutemen who had fought at Lexington and Concord, and several other amendments protected local juries.

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The Articles of Confederation gave Congress the power to govern foreign affairs, conduct war and regulate currency; however, in reality these powers were sharply limited because Congress had no authority to enforce its requests to the states for money or troops. In addition, under the system of checks and balances, the powers of one branch of government are limited by the powers given to another branch. Under its provisions, the media—including television, radio and the Internet—is free to distribute a wide range of news, facts, opinions and pictures.

Perspectives on the Constitution: Understanding Our Constitution

But what of the Constitution itself? Defendants are protected from secret proceedings that might encourage abuse of the justice system, and the public is kept informed about how the criminal justice system works.

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The ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870 had little impact for almost a century because states imposed poll taxes, literacy tests, and other restrictions that kept African Americans from voting. The Meaning The House of Representatives and the Senate are each in charge of deciding whether an election of one of their members is legitimate. We actually have old copies of what was created.

The Constitution for Kids (4th

To ensure equality among the states, the Constitution prohibits states from imposing taxes on goods coming into their state from another state and from favoring the ports of one state over the ports of others. This PreAmble notes the purpose of the Bill of Rights and refers to the Fifth Article of THE FOUNDING PROJECT dedicates its efforts to The Founding Principles, the U.

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This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress. Little by little, the freedoms envisioned by our Founding Fathers and those who struggled for independence are being stripped away.

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