

Six Big Ideas in the Constitution

Handout 1: Outlining the Text

Step 1: [Click here](#) to navigate to the U.S. Constitution

Step 2: Count the words in each article of the U.S. Constitution by highlighting and then pressing Ctrl + Shift + C and calculate the percentage of the whole it represents to determine how much of the text was dedicated to each structure or power. Ex: Divide the number of words in the Preamble (52) by the total number of words in the Constitution (4543). So, $52/4543 = 0.01$ or 1% after you move your decimal point.

Section of the Constitution	Number of Words	Percentage (of 4543 words)	Main Subject, Structure, or Power Addressed in Article (Big Picture, not tiny details)
Preamble	52	1%	intro
Article I			
Article II			
Article III			
Article IV			
Article V			
Article VI			
Article VII			

Mapping the Constitution

Represent the percentages from the table above in a visual form. Using different colors for each of the Articles and the Preamble, color in the squares to represent the percentage of the whole Constitution that is dedicated to each article. Each square represents 1% of the document (round up or down as necessary).

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
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11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.	32.	33.	34.	35.	36.	37.	38.	39.	40.
41.	42.	43.	44.	45.	46.	47.	48.	49.	50.
51.	52.	53.	54.	55.	56.	57.	58.	59.	60.
61.	62.	63.	64.	65.	66.	67.	68.	69.	70.
71.	72.	73.	74.	75.	76.	77.	78.	79.	80.
81.	82.	83.	84.	85.	86.	87.	88.	89.	90.
91.	92.	93.	94.	95.	96.	97.	98.	99.	100.