



## **Inland Empire Social Studies**

*The Council that serves Inland Southern California teachers*

**Constitution Day, 2024**

**Is September 17**

**Below are useful resources to assist teachers to understand more completely the different elements of the U.S. Constitution**

### **National Constitution Center**

<https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/full-text>

The United States Constitution - Full Text

The National Constitution Center is a useful online museum featuring the complete text of the U.S. Constitution

### **A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uoFCJiexuU>

Horace Mann, the noted founder of American education, shared his understanding of the reason for spending much time in classrooms across the whole American nation. Find out more at the url for the Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy.

## **Videos shown by TED ED**

### **Why is the Constitution so hard to amend?- by Peter Paccone**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwREAW4SIVY>

### **List of Proposed Amendments to the United States Constitution**

Lesson by Peter Paccone - View full lesson:

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons/why-is-the-...>

## **Center for CIVIC Education**

<https://new.civiced.org/teaching-resources>

This civic education project has been a leader in spreading methods to increase understanding of democratic society and how to maintain key and balanced significant concepts as part of the U.S. Constitution.

## **We the People - OPEN COURSE**

<https://learn.civiced.org/course/index.php?categoryid=1>

This is a free, self-paced course. It contains six units of instruction with multiple lessons in each unit. You can complete the course at your own pace and in your own time.

It takes participants from the philosophical foundations of the U.S. Constitution through the modern interpretation and application of its ideals. Participants will find videos of noted scholars explaining key aspects of the Constitution and online exercises to check for understanding.

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## **Strengthening Democracy in America Series**

<https://learn.civiced.org/course/view.php?id=40>

Strengthening Democracy in America is a collection of free courses featuring video interviews with noted scholars. These courses will deepen your understanding of the American political system and your rights and responsibilities in it. The first two courses provide a framework for understanding the history and development of the system. Subsequent courses focus on its strengths and weaknesses and means of enhancing the strengths and diminishing the weaknesses. The courses are open to anyone and can be completed at your own pace.

## **Free LESSON PLANS**

<https://new.civiced.org/teaching-resources>

The Center for Civic Education's Lesson Plan Library includes a wide range of lessons for K-12 classrooms that have been used by hundreds of teachers. The title of some of the lessons assist students and teachers to use the most significant lessons.

Thank you for reading the newsletter and sometimes selecting resources or programs that you find valuable. If you find resources to share with other teachers, we would happily do our best to send these materials via the IECSS newsletters. We can also set up an after-school zoom session for new or just curious teachers. Please share your ideas via email at [iesocialstudies@gmail.com](mailto:iesocialstudies@gmail.com). Peg and Jim Hill do our best to set up and manage IECSS learning events with new ideas for teachers and students. Please make a connection via phone at 909-946-9035. October is a little tricky because there is lots going on, but we can see if there is someone will to host an IECSS zoom event.

