



CONSTITUTIONAL BINGO: BY THE NUMBER

Learning Objectives: The students will...

1. Demonstrate their understanding of the Constitution of the United States.

TEKS: 5.15B, 5.15C, 5.16A, 5.16B, 5.24B

Materials Needed: Constitutional Bingo Questions, one Constitutional Bingo Card for each student, prizes (optional).

Teaching Strategy:

1. Give each student a Constitutional Bingo Card. Have students *randomly* write numbers 1-24 in the circles on their card (there are only 20 circles, so they must decide which numbers to exclude from their board).
2. Explain to the class that you are going to read a question about the Constitution of the United States and that student should write the answer to the question (every answer will be a number) in the corresponding numbered cell. So, after you read question 1, the students should write the answer to question 1 in the box they labeled with a "1" on their card.
3. When students have five answers or numbers in a row vertically, horizontally, or diagonally, they should call out "Constitution." The teacher should verify the answers and award prizes if desired. Optional: The game may continue until the whole card is full.

Extension for Gifted/Talented:

Have students create an acrostic poem using the word "CONSTITUTION." They should write the word vertically down the left side of a large piece of drawing paper. Students should then create phrases for each line. The first letter of each line dictates the beginning letter of the first word in each phrase. Phrases should describe information, concepts, and/or insights represented in the U.S. Constitution.

CONSTITUTIONAL BINGO QUESTIONS

1. How many amendments are there to the U.S. Constitution? (27)
2. Which amendment gives people freedom of speech?(1)
3. How many justices are on the United States Supreme Court? (9)
4. How many amendments are there in the Bill of Rights? (10)
5. How many delegates attended the Constitutional Convention? (55)
6. How many senators are in the United States Senate? (100)
7. Which amendment does not allow cruel and unusual punishment? (8)
8. What year was the U.S. Constitution ratified? (1787)
9. How many articles are there in the U.S. Constitution? (7)
10. Which amendment made slavery illegal? (13)
11. How many senators are elected from each state? (2)
12. How many states were there when the U.S. Constitution was written? (13)
13. How many representatives are in the U.S. House of Representatives? (435)
14. Which amendment guarantees the right to privacy? (4)
15. What is the date in January when a new president is inaugurated? (20)
16. How many branches of government are there? (3)
17. How many years does a member of the U.S. Senate serve in one term? (6)
18. How many states were needed to ratify the U.S. Constitution? (9)
19. Which amendment gave women the right to vote? (19)
20. What is the minimum age that someone can run for President of the United States?
(35)
21. What is the legal voting age? (18)
22. Which amendment states that the government cannot force you to testify against yourself? (5)
23. Which amendment said that states must give people the same rights as the United States or equal protection under the law? (14)
24. What year was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution? (1791)

Constitutional BINGO Card

				
				
				
				
				