

# The Constitution of the United States: A Guide to the Nation's Founding Document

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. It was adopted in 1788 and has been amended 27 times since then. The Constitution establishes the structure of the federal government, defines the rights of citizens, and limits the power of the government.



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## The Structure of the Constitution

The Constitution is divided into seven articles. The first three articles establish the three branches of the federal government: the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. The fourth article discusses the relationship between the states and the federal government. The fifth article establishes the process for amending the Constitution. The sixth article

declares that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land. The seventh article ratifies the Constitution.

## **The Rights of Citizens**

The Constitution guarantees a number of rights to citizens, including the right to freedom of speech, religion, and the press. The Constitution also prohibits the government from taking away life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

## **The Powers of the Government**

The Constitution limits the power of the government in a number of ways. For example, the Constitution prohibits the government from establishing a religion or abridging the freedom of speech. The Constitution also gives Congress the power to declare war, raise taxes, and borrow money.

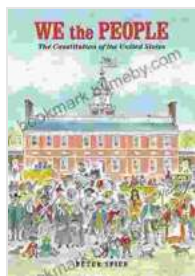
## **The Constitution and American History**

The Constitution has played a central role in American history. It has been used to justify wars, settle disputes, and protect the rights of citizens. The Constitution has also been amended to reflect the changing needs of the nation, such as the abolition of slavery and the granting of women the right to vote.

## **The Constitution Today**

The Constitution continues to play a vital role in American society today. It is a source of inspiration and guidance for all Americans. The Constitution is a reminder of the principles that our nation was founded on and the ideals that we continue to strive for.

The Constitution of the United States is a remarkable document that has served as the foundation of our nation for over 200 years. It is a testament to the wisdom of the Founding Fathers that the Constitution has been able to endure for so long and remain relevant to the needs of the nation.



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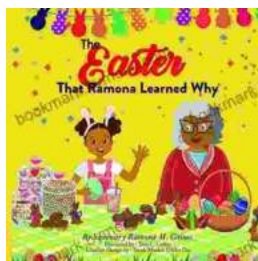
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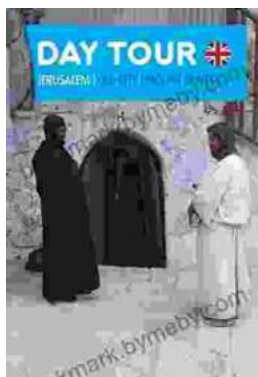
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