

The Living Constitution

Introduction: The U.S. Constitution is often thought of a document that was created over two hundred years ago and has little relevance to people today. This assessment could not be more inaccurate. Our Constitution is a living document. This means that it affects us on a daily basis and that it can be interpreted to fit the current culture or society.

Project: In this project, we will be finding examples of how our Constitution is in action in everyday life. We will look for these examples in current issues and editions of well-known newspapers. The newspapers will be located using online resources. You will combine this information into a newsletter using Microsoft Publisher.

1. Each clipping is to demonstrate only **one** rule (right or amendment) of the Constitution. You may not use the same clipping more than once.
2. You can only use a rule of the Constitution once.
3. You will be responsible for obtaining 5 clippings demonstrating five different parts of the Constitution.
4. You must try to demonstrate as many different parts of the Constitution as possible, concentrating on the powers and limitations.
5. From the 5 clippings, one of them must represent one of the amendments, but no more than 2 clippings can represent the amendments. Remember, no amendment can be repeated.
6. One clipping may be an editorial cartoon, but it is not required.
7. A clipping is an article, **NOT** a graphic or picture.

Directions:

1. Open Microsoft Publisher. Select a newsletter style of your choice.
2. Use the Living Constitution Hotlist worksheet provided to find news clipping for this assignment (using the internet).
3. Copy and paste the entire news clipping to your Microsoft Publisher Newsletter. (Before exiting from the webpage, be sure to get all needed information for your bibliographic citation.)
4. The news clipping will need to be formatted and resized to fit – in fact, you may not be able to fit in the whole clipping because of the length.
5. Create a title for each section by writing the exact wording of that part of the Constitution that is being demonstrated:

Example: Article 1 Legislative Branch, Section 8

6. Arrange all your articles so that they are in order (you may use one page or all four pages of your newsletter).
7. REMEMBER TO USE YOUR DESIGN SKILLS WHEN COMPLETING THIS NEWSLETTER, I HAVE PROVIDED A ONE PAGE SAMPLE FOR YOU TO VIEW IF NEEDED.