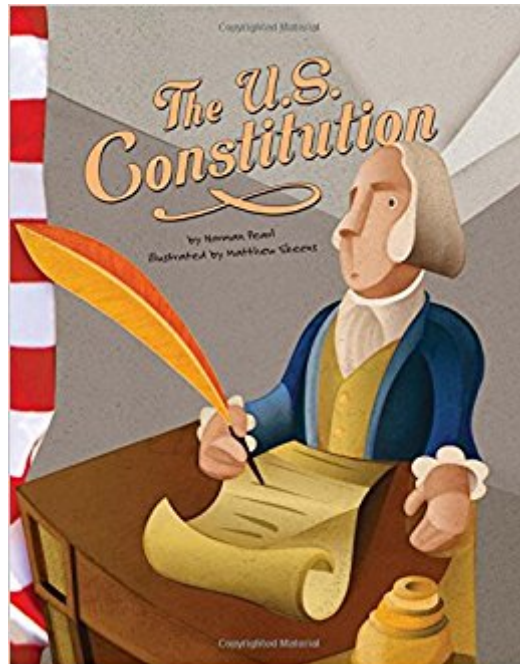




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# The U.S. Constitution (American Symbols)



## Synopsis

It's 1787, and a handful of men are about to sign the United States Constitution. In a few minutes, a newly free country will have a set of rules made by the people, for the people. Join lawmaker James Madison as he picks up a pen and makes history.

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Love this book!

It was in great condition and exactly what I wanted.

We were evaluating this for our IB program and school library. This book does a great job of simplifying the most important points of the U.S. Constitution. It also uses catchy visuals and appealing pictures to relate the concepts. My 8 year old enjoyed listening to it and found the pictures helpful. This would be good for a 1st and 2nd grade child. If schools are evaluating it, you can also use it for older children with more limited reading or English skills to help them get the concepts.

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