What is the Constitution?

The Law of the United States is the Constitution.

The Constitution was written in 1776.

The Constitution tells about a democracy.
The Constitution divides the government into 3 parts called branches.

1 part is the Executive branch.

1 part is the Legislative branch.

1 part is the Judicial branch.

The Constitution explains the power of each branch.

They must work together.
The Executive Branch

The Executive branch makes sure people follow the laws.

The president, vice president, and other important people are in the executive branch. People in the Cabinet are
They talk about energy, the environment, keeping the United States safe, jobs, and money.
The Legislative Branch

The Legislative branch has two parts.

The Senate has 2 people from each state.

Citizens from each state vote for who they want in the Senate.
The House of Representatives is different. States with many people get more people in the House of Representatives.

States with less people get less people in the House of Representatives.

Every 10 years, the government finds out how many people are
in each state by using the census to count them.
The Judicial branch

The Judicial Branch has judges on the Supreme Court.

The president chooses the judges.

The Supreme Court makes rules for all people United States
The constitution has a part called the Bill of Rights. It tells about important rules of a democracy.

People can write or tell what they think. People can protect themselves—sometimes with guns.
People can be judged by other people in a court.

People can have a lawyer to help them in court.

People can choose any religion they want to have.
A long time ago, the United States was part of Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence tells that the United States is different than Great Britain and makes their own rules.
What should Citizens do?

Citizens of United States vote for people to write the laws.

Citizens vote for a president.

Citizens vote for their state Governor and some other
Citizens are asked to be on a jury.

If you were not born in the United States, you can become a citizen by studying and taking a test. When you become a citizen, you get the same rights as someone who was born in the United States.
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