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**CELEBRATE FREEDOM  
DURING THE CONSTITUTION'S  
225TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!**

**2012 CALENDAR**





Abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Photograph by George K. Warren, 1879. Image courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

We celebrate African American history in February in part because it is the birth month of abolitionist and African American leader Frederick Douglass. Born into slavery, Douglass escaped in 1838 and used his skills as a writer and speaker to fight for freedom. Visit the Center this month to get an up-close look at one-of-a-kind artifacts that once belonged to Douglass, see a rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation and learn more about the many African Americans who have shaped our country and our Constitution.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

Does racial harmony exist in the United States? Back up your answer with an example.

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# FEBRUARY

Honor African Americans who fought for freedom



| SUN  | MON  | TUE   | WED  | THU   | FRI  | SAT  |
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|  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>February is African American History Month.  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>15th Amendment ratified—guarantees African Americans the right to vote (1870)<br>16th Amendment ratified—allows Congress to levy an income tax (1913)                                    | <b>4</b><br>Birthday of Rosa Parks, civil rights pioneer (1913)                            |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>Birthday of President Ronald Reagan (1911)   | <b>7</b><br>11th Amendment ratified—affirms states' sovereign immunity (1795)   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>25th Amendment ratified—establishes succession process during presidential disability (1967)  | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>12</b><br>Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809)<br>NAACP founded in New York City (1909) | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br>Birthday of Frederick Douglass, abolitionist leader (1817)   | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>Educator Open House—free preview of <i>From Asbury Park to the Promised Land</i> | <b>17</b><br>Exhibition opening— <i>From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen</i><br>Exhibition ribbon cutting at 10 a.m.                                       | <b>18</b><br>Presidents Day Weekend Celebration  |
| <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b> Presidents Day<br>Presidents Day Weekend Celebration                                   | <b>21</b><br>The Confederation Congress passes a resolution in favor of a Constitutional Convention (1787) <b>225th</b> | <b>22</b><br>Birthday of Constitutional Convention president and first president of the United States, George Washington (1732)  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br>The Supreme Court decision in <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> enshrines the court's power of judicial review (1803)<br>President Andrew Johnson is the first president to be impeached (1868) | <b>25</b><br>Hiram Rhoades Revels is sworn in as the first African American senator (1870) |
| <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br>22nd Amendment ratified—sets a two-term limit to the office of the president (1951) | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b><br><i>From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen</i> Opens February 17<br>Students will be fascinated and inspired by the artistic journey of this American songwriter, whose poetic lyrics give voice to "We the People." |   |  |  |

## Civic Holiday: Presidents Day, February 20

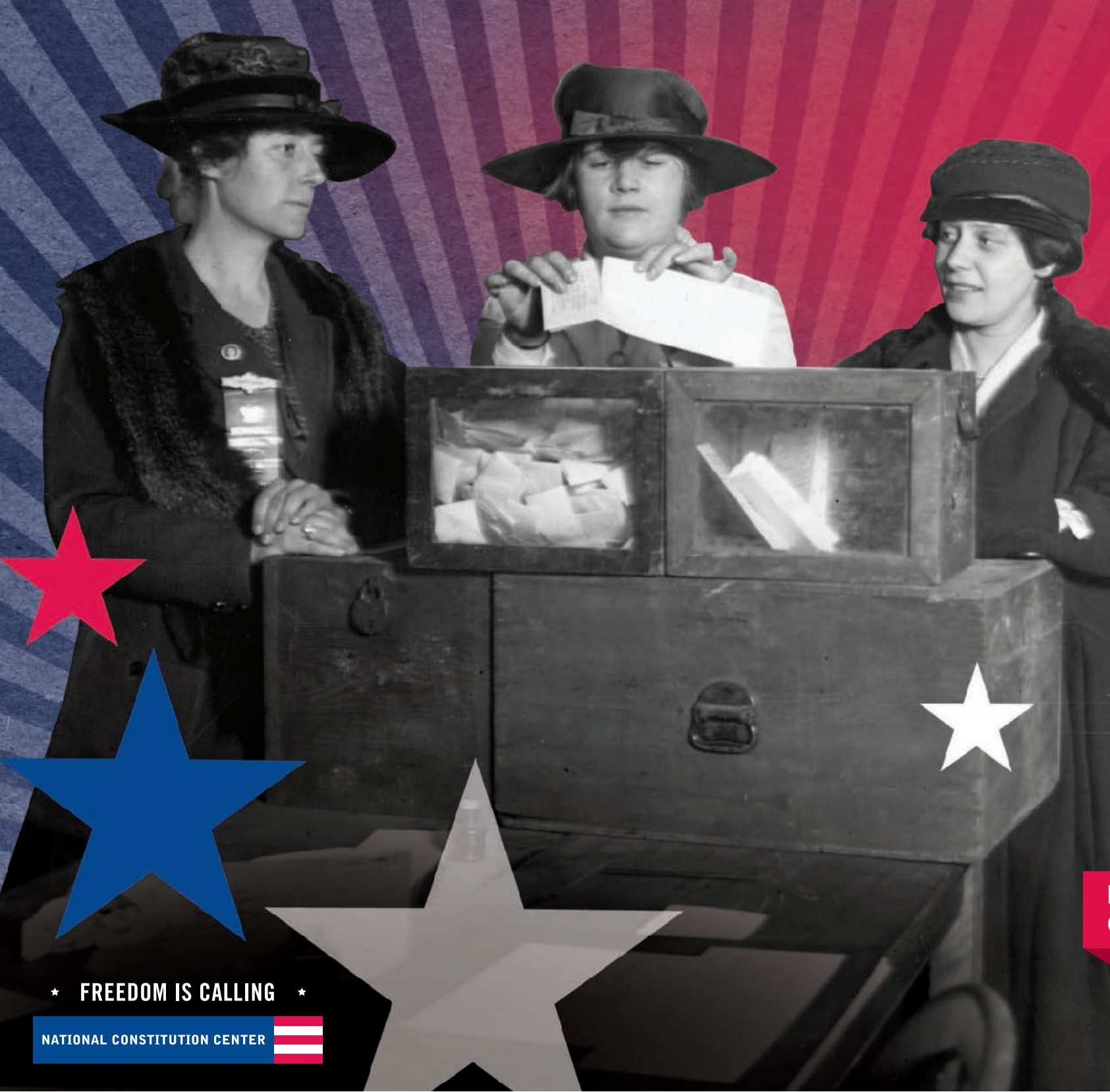
Get to know our 44 commanders in chief at the National Constitution Center's three-day Presidents Day Weekend Celebration

- Hang out with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln
- Play the "Hail to the Chief" trivia game
- Step into the president's shoes by taking an oath of office and learning the ins and outs of the Oval Office

**Can't make it to the Center?** Visit *Constitution Daily*, an engaging blog that looks at current issues through the lens of the U.S. Constitution, at [blog.constitutioncenter.org](http://blog.constitutioncenter.org)

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Women voting in New York around 1917. New York granted women the right to vote three years before the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920. Image courtesy of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

The Constitution is 225 years old this year, but over 130 years passed after its signing before it was amended to give American women the right to vote. Without a voice at the ballot box, women looked to other means to make their opinions heard. The 19th Amendment, which was based off a draft by Susan B. Anthony, was first proposed as a constitutional amendment in 1878 but was ratified in 1920.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!


How can people who are unable to vote ensure their opinions are heard in the upcoming elections?

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# MARCH

Remember the women who stood up for their rights



| SUN  | MON   | TUE       | WED  | THU   | FRI   | SAT  |
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|                            | <b>Women's History Themed Package</b><br>Enhance your visit to the Center with the <b>Women of Power Show</b> , an interactive, high-energy program that will educate and entertain your students. Call 215-409-6800 to book. |           |  | <b>1</b><br><br><small>The Articles of Confederation are ratified (1781)<br/>           March is Women's History Month.</small>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><br><small>Boy Scout Day</small>   |
| <b>4</b><br><br><small>Jeannette Rankin takes her seat as the first female member of Congress (1917)</small> | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br><br><small>Girl Scout Day</small> |
| <b>11</b><br><br><small>Janet Reno is confirmed as the first female U.S. attorney general (1993)</small>     | <b>12</b><br><br><small>Living News season opens<br/>           Interdisciplinary theatrical performances at the National Constitution Center bring today's headlines to life. Through June 15.</small>                       | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br><br><small>Rhode Island decides not to send delegates to the Constitutional Convention; it is the only one of the original 13 states not represented (1787)<br/> <b>225th</b></small> | <b>15</b><br><br><small>Birthday of President Andrew Jackson (1767)</small>   | <b>16</b><br><br><small>Birthday of President James Madison, Father of the Constitution and Constitutional Convention delegate (1751)</small> | <b>17</b>                                      |
| <b>18</b><br><br><small>Birthday of President Grover Cleveland (1837)</small>                                | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>                                      |
| <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br><br><small>Birthday of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman to serve on the Supreme Court</small>  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br><br><small>Birthday of President John Tyler (1790)<br/>           23rd Amendment ratified—gives voters in Washington, D.C., the right to vote for president (1961)</small> | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>                                      |

### Special Events: Boy Scout Day, March 3; Girl Scout Day, March 10

Come to the National Constitution Center for activity tables, workshops and shows just for Scout troops (other dates in May and November). Learn about our country while meeting requirements toward badges.

Visit [constitutioncenter.org/scouts](http://constitutioncenter.org/scouts) for more information and call 215-409-6800 to book your troop for our 2012 Scout Days!

**Can't make it to the Center?**  
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**Book your school group or Scout troop today!**

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First Lady Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson, pictured here in the White House Gardens, was a passionate advocate for environmental issues. Photograph by Robert Knudsen, White House Press Office. Image Courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

It's an election year, and the decisions Americans make at the polls affect food and nutrition laws, environmental protection policies and the preservation of America's resources—issues at the core of what Earth Day is about. This Earth Day, visit our website to watch *Constitution Hall Pass* and engage in a live chat about the history of the environmental movement, the creation of Earth Day in 1970, the relationship between green living and active citizenship, and ways you can go green.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

What are the top five issues your class would like politicians to address in this upcoming election? How does the environment rank in your classroom's list?



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# APRIL

Preserve, protect and defend our environment



| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU  | FRI  | SAT   |
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| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>The Center's Election Experience 2012 kicks into high gear! Visit <a href="http://constitutioncenter.org">constitutioncenter.org</a> | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>William Henry Harrison is the first president to die in office, after catching pneumonia at his inauguration (1841)               | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Spring(steen) Break</b><br>Celebrate artistic expression with a spring music festival  |  |   |   |  |  |   |
| <b>8</b><br>17th Amendment ratified—establishes direct vote for U.S. senators (1913)  | <b>9</b><br>The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia surrenders in Appomattox Court House, Virginia, ending the Civil War (1865)                | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>Birthday of President Thomas Jefferson (1743) | <b>14</b><br>President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated at Ford's Theater, Washington, D.C. (1865) |
| <b>Spring(steen) Break</b><br>Celebrate artistic expression with a spring music festival  |  |   |   |  |  |   |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>Tax Day  | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br>Revolutionary War begins with battles at Lexington and Concord (1775) | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>Spring(steen) Break</b>  | <b>Constitution Hall Pass: Dollars and Sense</b><br><a href="http://constitutioncenter.org/hallpass">constitutioncenter.org/hallpass</a>         |   | <b>Constitution Hall Pass: The Story of Earth Day</b><br><a href="http://constitutioncenter.org/hallpass">constitutioncenter.org/hallpass</a> |  |  |   |
| <b>22</b><br>Earth Day<br><b>Earth Day Celebration at the National Constitution Center</b><br>Make recycled paper, learn about healthy eating, and discover just how easy it is to be green | <b>23</b><br>Birthday of President James Buchanan (1791)   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br>Birthday of President Ulysses S. Grant (1822) | <b>28</b><br>Birthday of President James Monroe (1758)  |
| <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br>George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States (1789)<br>U.S. Navy established (1798)                 | <b>Traveling History and Civics Program</b><br>Experience the National Constitution Center's innovative style of interactivity and civic engagement in your classroom. Using historic artifacts and engaging activities, our experienced and knowledgeable demonstrators bring history and civics to life. <a href="http://constitutioncenter.org/thcp">constitutioncenter.org/thcp</a> |   |  |  |   |

Civic Holidays:  
**Tax Day, April 17;**  
**Earth Day, April 22**

Visit the National Constitution Center on Tax Day and take a tour through the history of money in America, from Alexander Hamilton and the national bank to the recent debt crisis. Or join us on Earth Day, when you can make recycled paper, plant organic food and learn other tips on going green.

**Can't make it to the Center?**  
 Join us online for *Constitution Hall Pass* webcasts on Earth Day and Tax Day.  
[constitutioncenter.org/hallpass](http://constitutioncenter.org/hallpass)

**Plan ahead for summer! Book your camp group today!**

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Independence Hall in Philadelphia by Ferdinand Richardt, 1858-63. Image courtesy of the White House Historical Association.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

The Constitutional Convention was scheduled to begin May 14, 1787, but on opening day only delegates from Pennsylvania and Virginia had arrived. Muddy roads delayed the arrival of others, and it wasn't until May 25 that a quorum of delegates from seven states was on hand to begin work. You and your students will feel like you are in the middle of the action at *Signers' Hall* in the National Constitution Center.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

Imagine a constitutional convention was being held today, and you were a delegate. What would you like to change about our government? What would you keep the same?



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Honor our Founders and those who fought for freedom



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| <b>6</b><br>Boy Scout Day  | <b>7</b><br>27th Amendment ratified—delays implementation of Congressional pay raises (1992) | <b>8</b><br>Birthday of President Harry Truman (1884) | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad (1869)   | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>Girl Scout Day<br>Exhibition opening—100 Years of Girl Scouts |
| <b>13</b><br>Mother's Day  | <b>14</b><br>Jamestown settlement established (1607)   | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>Overturning <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> (see May 18) the Supreme Court decision in <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> declares segregation unconstitutional (1954) | <b>18</b><br>In <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> the Supreme Court rules that separate but equal facilities for different races are constitutional (1896)   | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>The Constitutional Convention opens in Philadelphia (1787)<br><b>225th</b><br>Take part in our online constitutional convention at <a href="http://blog.constitutioncenter.org">blog.constitutioncenter.org</a> | <b>26</b><br>Memorial Day Weekend Celebration                              |
| <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b> Memorial Day   | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>   | See iTunes for your FREE National Constitution Center App!<br>Save the Date:<br>Constitution Day:<br>September 17, 2012  |  |
| Memorial Day Weekend Celebration at the National Constitution Center |  | Birthday of President John F. Kennedy (1917)          |           |   |  |  |

## Civic Holiday: Memorial Day, May 28

Learn how the nation remembers those who have given their lives in defense of our Constitution at our Memorial Day Weekend Celebration, May 26-28.

Visit our blog, *Constitution Daily*, to stay engaged all summer long with our online Constitutional Convention ([blog.constitutioncenter.org](http://blog.constitutioncenter.org)).

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The American flag on display at the National Constitution Center was flown atop every state capitol before it was hung by Muhammad Ali at the Center on June 14, 2003.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

The design of the flag of the United States, often called the “Stars and Stripes” or “Old Glory,” is traditionally attributed to Betsy Ross. However, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 in honor of a resolution passed by the Continental Congress in 1777, which established the design of the flag but did not include a specific layout for the stars.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

The images used on national and state flags are not just pictures—they have significant meanings. What symbols would you incorporate if you were to design a flag for your class, school or community?



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# JUNE

Salute the flag as a symbol of freedom



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| Stay engaged all summer long with our online Constitutional Convention at <a href="http://blog.constitutioncenter.org">blog.constitutioncenter.org</a> |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
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| 24   | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

### Civic Holiday: Flag Day, June 14

This Flag Day at the National Constitution Center

- Discover the fascinating history of America’s flag and learn all the ins and outs of the country’s Flag Code
- Participate in one of the biggest flag folding ceremonies ever seen

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Independence Day Celebration Begins



As part of our annual Independence Day festivities, the Center recreates a Revolutionary War encampment right on our front lawn.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

Of the 39 delegates who signed the Constitution in 1787, six had signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776: Roger Sherman of Connecticut; Robert Morris, Benjamin Franklin, George Clymer and James Wilson of Pennsylvania; and George Read of Delaware. Stay engaged all summer long with our online Constitutional Convention at [blog.constitutioncenter.org](http://blog.constitutioncenter.org).

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

Eleven years before the Constitution was drafted, Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, in which he described certain essential human rights. What would you include in a list of rights that you think are important and why?

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# JULY

Celebrate freedom in the birthplace of America



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| <b>1</b><br>Battle of Gettysburg begins (1863)<br>26th Amendment ratified—lowers the voting age to 18 (1971) | <b>2</b><br>The Second Continental Congress votes for American independence (1776)                                | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b><br>The Second Continental Congress votes to adopt Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence (1776)  | <b>5</b><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m.   | <b>6</b><br>Birthday of President George W. Bush (1946)                 | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Independence Day Celebration</b><br>at the National Constitution Center                                   |   |           |   |  |   |   |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>14th Amendment ratified—guarantees all citizens equal protection and due process under the law (1868) | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>Birthday of President John Quincy Adams (1767)<br>Alexander Hamilton is fatally wounded in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr (1804)  | <b>12</b><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m.  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br>Birthday of President Gerald Ford (1913) |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m.  | <b>20</b><br>Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon (1969) | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>The Constitutional Convention adjourns to await the report of the committee responsible for drafting the Constitution (1787) <b>225th</b><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m. | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>   |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b> | <p><b>Don't miss your chance to check out <i>From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen</i></b></p> <p>Exhibition closes September 3.</p>  |  |   |   |

## Civic Holiday: Independence Day, July 4

Situated in the most historic square mile in the country, the National Constitution Center is the place to celebrate our nation's birthday, from June 28 to July 4.

- Step into the shoes of 18th-century Americans with revolutionary camp grounds, Colonial games and meetings with some of our country's historic characters
- Enjoy parades and concerts

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Signers' Hall at the National Constitution Center recreates the 1787 Constitutional Convention with 42 life-size bronze statues of the Founding Fathers.



## 225 Years of Constitutional History

On August 6, 1787, John Rutledge delivered a report to the Constitutional Convention from the Committee of Detail with an early version of the Constitution's Preamble which did not include all of the clauses we recognize today. Rather than beginning with the phrase "We the People of the United States," the version started by listing the original 13 states after the phrase "We the People of."

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

The Preamble to the Constitution is a summary or mission statement of the Constitution. What would you say if you were to rewrite it?

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# AUGUST

Add to the story of "We the People"



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| Engage in active citizenship at <b>Headed to the White House</b> , a multimedia exhibition that captures the excitement and pageantry of America's election process and explores the issues and candidates in the 2012 race.<br><br>On view from August 24 through November 30. |   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b><br><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m. | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br><br>U.S. Coast Guard founded (1790)<br><br>Birthday of President Barack Obama (1961)                 |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br><br>The Committee of Detail presents its preliminary draft of the Constitution to the Constitutional Convention (1787) <b>225th</b> | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br><br>Richard Nixon announces his resignation as president (1974)                                      | <b>9</b><br><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m.   | <b>10</b><br><br>Birthday of President Herbert Hoover (1874)   |
| <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m.  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>19</b><br><br>Birthday of President William J. Clinton (1946)  | <b>20</b><br><br>Birthday of President Benjamin Harrison (1833)   | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m.  | <b>24</b><br><br><b>Exhibition opening—Headed to the White House</b><br><br>Exhibition ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. |
| <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br><br>Birthday of President Lyndon B. Johnson (1908)   | <b>28</b><br><br>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. (1963) | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br><br>Thurgood Marshall is confirmed as the first African American Supreme Court justice (1967)<br><br><b>Five After Five</b><br>\$5 general admission to the National Constitution Center after 5 p.m. | <b>31</b>  |

## Save the Date: Constitution Day!

Next month marks the Constitution's 225th birthday, and the National Constitution Center is the best place in the nation to celebrate, with many fun and educational activities onsite!

Online, we'll host an interactive webcast and live chat with Constitutional experts and have all your Constitution Day classroom supplies at our e-store ([constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday](http://constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday)). Or bring our museum right into your classroom with our Traveling History and Civics Program. [constitutioncenter.org/thcp](http://constitutioncenter.org/thcp)

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"Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States," by Howard Chandler Christy, 1940. Image courtesy of the United States House of Representatives.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

The signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, was followed two days later by its publication in the *Pennsylvania Packet*, a Philadelphia newspaper. A rare copy of that newspaper, which gave the American people their first glimpse of the Constitution, is on display at the National Constitution Center.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

Would you have signed the Constitution 225 years ago? Why or why not?

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# SEPTEMBER

Celebrate the Constitution's 225th anniversary



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**Constitution Hall Pass: Constitution Day and the Presidency**  
Journey through the executive branch of the federal government in this interactive webcast and live chat with educators and constitutional experts. **September 17-21.** [constitutioncenter.org/hallpass](http://constitutioncenter.org/hallpass)

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3 **Labor Day**  
From *Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen* closes  
The Treaty of Paris ends the American Revolutionary War (1783)

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Birthdays of President William H. Taft (1857)  
Hispanic Heritage Month begins (September 15 - October 15)

**Constitution Week Celebrations**

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17 **Constitution Day**  
The Constitution is signed in Philadelphia (1787)

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President George Washington publishes his farewell address (1796)

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Sandra Day O'Connor is confirmed as the first female Supreme Court justice (1981)

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**National Constitution Center's Constitution Week Celebrations**

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**Constitution Week Celebrations**

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Civic Holidays:  
Labor Day, September 3;  
Constitution Day, September 17

The National Constitution Center is the best place to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Constitution!

- Fantastic educational shows on the branches of government and the Bill of Rights
- Glimpse an original printing of the Constitution, and then try out our 18th-century print shop
- Welcome new citizens to our country at a naturalization ceremony
- See new historical figures added to our American National Tree exhibit
- Confetti, concerts and cake!

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After the ratification of the 18th Amendment in 1919, Americans lost their freedom to manufacture, sell or transport "intoxicating liquors." The amendment was repealed in 1933. Image courtesy of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

The 18th Amendment enacted a nationwide prohibition on making or selling alcohol in 1919, but the first statewide prohibition was passed by Maine in 1851. Like national Prohibition, Maine's law was short-lived, but about half the states were already dry states when the 18th Amendment was ratified. The National Constitution Center's *Prohibition* exhibition opens October 19.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

Are there any amendments that you would like to add to our Constitution? Are there any current amendments that you would change, or repeal altogether?

### Prohibition exhibition opens October 19

Students will walk away understanding that Prohibition was more than a constitutional hiccup. There were real issues of social concern, but the 18th Amendment did not stop people from drinking and had a number of unintended consequences

- See rare artifacts: flapper dresses, authentic barware, temperance propaganda, an original ratification copy of the 18th Amendment and more
- Engage in interactive activities, including the chance to help federal agents track rum-runners and a Rube Goldberg-style "amendment machine"

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# OCTOBER

Reflect on Prohibition's ratification and repeal



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|  | Birthday of President Jimmy Carter (1924)  |   |   | Birthday of President Rutherford B. Hayes (1822)   | Birthday of President Chester A. Arthur (1829)  |  |
| 7  | 8<br>Living News season opens<br>Interdisciplinary theatrical performances at the National Constitution Center bring today's headlines to life. Through December 15. | 9<br>Columbus Day                       | 10  | 11   | 12  | 13   |
| 14   | 15<br>Hispanic Heritage Month ends (September 15 - October 15)   | 16                                      | 17<br>Educator Open House—free preview of <i>Prohibition</i> Exhibition<br>Prohibition-era gangster Al Capone is sentenced to 11 years in jail for tax evasion (1931) | 18   | 19<br>Exhibition opening— <i>Prohibition</i><br>Prohibition Exhibition Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 a.m. | 20   |
| 21   | 22<br>Prohibition Exhibition Opening Weekend   | 23                                      | 24  | 25   | 26  | 27<br>First Federalist Paper published in support of the newly signed Constitution (1787) 225th<br>Birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt (1858) |
| 28   | 29   | 30                                      | 31  | The 2012 Election Experience at the National Constitution Center<br>For information and resources this election season, visit <a href="http://constitutioncenter.org">constitutioncenter.org</a> |   |  |
| Congress passes the Volstead Act, giving legal definition to national Prohibition (1919) |  | Birthday of President John Adams (1735) |   |  |   |  |



Students can raise their right hand and take the Presidential Oath of Office at the National Constitution Center.

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

This month's presidential election will be the 57th in the history of the United States. Under the electoral procedure outlined in Article II of the Constitution, on November 6 voters will choose presidential electors, who will elect the president and vice president on December 17.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

Create your own 6 Word Inaugural Address. Write a six word sentence that you would like our president to read on Inauguration Day.

Civic Holidays:  
 Election Day, November 6;  
 Veterans Day, November 11;  
 Thanksgiving Day, November 22

This Veterans Day, the National Constitution Center is proud to honor the men and women who serve in our armed forces. The event includes

- A wreath-laying ceremony
- Veteran talks, dramatic performances and live patriotic music

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# NOVEMBER

Engage in active citizenship



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| <b>Destination White House Themed Package</b><br>Book this action-packed program and learn about the presidency with a focus on elections. Call 215.409.6800 |  |                          |  | <b>1</b><br>November is American Indian Heritage Month<br><br>John Adams becomes the first president to live in the White House (1800) | <b>2</b><br>Birthday of President James K. Polk (1795)<br><br>Birthday of President William G. Harding (1865) | <b>3</b><br>Boy Scout Day   |
| <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>Election Day | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Girl Scout Day<br><br>U.S. Marine Corps established (1775) |
| <b>11</b><br>Veterans Day<br><br>World War I ends (1918)   | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>                | <b>Constitution Hall Pass: The History of Thanksgiving</b><br>The true tale of the first Thanksgiving and the story behind the parades, food, football and all our favorite traditions. <a href="http://constitutioncenter.org/hallpass">constitutioncenter.org/hallpass</a> |  |   | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>Birthday of President James Garfield (1831)<br><br>President Abraham Lincoln delivers his Gettysburg Address (1863) | <b>20</b>                | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Thanksgiving Day<br><br>Center Closed   | <b>23</b><br>Birthday of President Franklin Pierce (1804)   | <b>24</b><br>Birthday of President Zachary Taylor (1784)                |
| <b>National Constitution Center Thanksgiving Weekend Celebration</b>   |  |                          |  |  |   | <b>30</b><br><br>Headed to the White House exhibition closes            |
| <b>Thanksgiving Weekend Celebration</b>  |  | <b>25</b>                | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>   |

James Madison, author of the Bill of Rights. Portrait by John Vanderlyn, 1816. Images courtesy of The White House Historical Association (Madison) and The National Archives and Records Administration (Bill of Rights).

## 225 Years of Constitutional History

To win acceptance for the Constitution, its supporters had to offer to add amendments after its ratification. James Madison made good on that promise. Ten amendments he proposed in Congress were added to the Constitution in 1791, becoming known as the Bill of Rights.

### Do-Now Classroom Discussion!

Not all of the Amendments that James Madison proposed made it into the final Bill of Rights. Is there anything missing from the Bill of Rights that you would have included?

### Civic Holiday: Bill of Rights Day, December 15

Come to the National Constitution Center this Bill of Rights Day. Show off your knowledge of the first ten amendments at the "Who Wants to Be a Bill-onaire?" game show, then explore the opinions of the Founding Fathers on a tour of *Signers' Hall*.

**Can't make it to the Center?** Book a Bill of Rights Traveling History and Civics Program and bring the museum to your classroom. [constitutioncenter.org/thcp](http://constitutioncenter.org/thcp)

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### Look out for your National Constitution Center 2013 Civic Calendar!



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# DECEMBER

Cherish the freedoms in the Bill of Rights



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|   |           | <b>Repeal Day Programming, December 5</b><br>Visit the Center's <i>Prohibition</i> exhibition to explore the repeal of the nation's "noble experiment" on the anniversary of the 21st Amendment. |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br><br>Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama (1955)                                      |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br><br>Birthday of President Martin Van Buren (1782)<br><br>21st Amendment ratified—repeals the 18th Amendment (Prohibition) | <b>6</b><br><br>13th Amendment ratified—abolishes slavery (1865) | <b>7</b><br><br>Delaware is the first state to ratify the Constitution (1787) <b>225th</b> | <b>8</b><br><br>The U.S. declares war on Japan and enters World War II following the attack on Pearl Harbor (1945)                 |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><br>Last chance to see <i>Living News</i>                                     | <b>15</b> <b>Bill of Rights Day</b><br><br>The first ten amendments, collectively known as the Bill of Rights, are ratified (1791) |
| <b>Constitution Hall Pass: The Bill of Rights</b><br>Interactive webcast and live chat with educators and constitutional experts exploring the creation of the first ten amendments<br><a href="http://constitutioncenter.org/hallpass">constitutioncenter.org/hallpass</a> |           |  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>16</b><br><br>Boston Tea Party (1773)  | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br><br>Birthday of President Woodrow Wilson (1856)                               | <b>29</b><br><br>Birthday of President Andrew Johnson (1808)   |
| <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b> | <b>Holiday Week Celebration at the National Constitution Center</b>  |   |  |  |  |

Center closed



## Visit the National Constitution Center

### Main Exhibition

- ***The Story of We the People***  
Interactive, multimedia displays and a rotating collection of rare artifacts reveal the importance of the Constitution today and the quest for freedom throughout American history.
- ***Freedom Rising***  
This 360-degree, 17-minute theatrical experience brings the Constitution to life and highlights the struggles and triumphs of “We the People.”
- ***Signers' Hall***  
Students can sign the Constitution alongside 42 life-size, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers.

### Feature Exhibitions

- ***From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen***  
February 17–September 3
- ***100 Years of Girl Scouts***  
May 1–December 31
- ***Headed to the White House***  
August 24–November 30
- ***Prohibition***  
October 19–April 30, 2013

For more information, visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

### Enhance Your Visit

- ***Living News***  
Today's headlines are brought to life in live theatrical performances introducing controversial issues and encouraging students (grades 7-12) to explore their own points of view.
- **Themed Museum Packages**  
Focus your school trip around a specific constitutional topic with interactive, high-energy activities sure to educate and entertain your students. Packages are aligned to national and state standards.

For more information, visit [constitutioncenter.org/education](http://constitutioncenter.org/education)



## The 2012 Election Experience

Engage your students in the democratic process at the National Constitution Center. Students can explore the leading issues of the 2012 election and learn everything that goes into a presidential campaign, from announcement to inauguration.

- Play “Hail to the Chief,” a fun and educational presidential trivia game
- Watch ads from elections past and present
- Explore the inner workings of a polling place
- Create campaign buttons, presidential hats and American flags
- Address America with your own “Six-Word Stump Speech”
- Experience *Headed to the White House*, the Center’s multimedia exhibition that captures the excitement of America’s election process and highlights current candidates and issues
- Enhance the Election Experience with Student Guides designed to enrich understanding of the election process

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## Bring the National Constitution Center to Your School

### Traveling History and Civics Programs

- Our expert education staff uses historic artifacts and engaging activities to bring American history, government and civics to life in your school.

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## Online Resources

### Constitution Hall Pass

Celebrate civic holidays with our interactive webcasts and live chats with educators and constitutional experts.

- *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., A Legacy of Service*—January 9 to 13 and 16
- *Dollars and Sense (Tax Day)*—April 16 and 17
- *The Story of Earth Day*—April 19 and 20
- *Constitution Day and the Presidency (Constitution Day)*—September 17 to 21
- *Constitution Day and the Supreme Court*
- *Constitution Day and Freedom of Expression*
- *The History of Thanksgiving*—November 14 to 16
- *The Bill of Rights (Bill of Rights Day)*—December 10 to 14

\*All Hall Pass episodes are archived on the site for future viewing and classroom use after initial air date. Live chat is only available on air dates.

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### Constitution Daily

The National Constitution Center’s blog features timely insights about the Constitution, including posts by journalists, historians, constitutional scholars and Center staff. Look for Teacher’s Corner call-outs with lesson plans and conversation starters for the classroom.

Visit [blog.constitutioncenter.org](http://blog.constitutioncenter.org)

### Key to the 2012 National Constitution Center Civic Calendar

★★★★★ indicates a Civic Holiday

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online activities at [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

**225th** denotes a historic event related to the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution