

# IT'S ALIVE!

It may be 225 years old, but the Constitution is alive and well and in everything we do. It's EVERYWHERE! And it's working. RIGHT NOW.



We use this activity in all our teacher Constitution workshops; it is extremely popular and easy. Usually, teachers ask to take the newspaper front pages home in order to use them at school the next day.

## Description:

In this activity, students will find examples of the U.S. Constitution in everyday life. And they read a real, hard copy daily newspaper, too!

**Time Required:** 30 minutes

**Grade level:** Gr 5 – adults.

## Materials:

- Front pages of newspapers (Plan ahead: start saving up the front page of the daily newspaper. You might ask kids to bring them in, IF they get a daily paper. Or check with the school library as your school may have newspapers delivered, and you can start saving them.)
- The U.S. Constitution or the Abbreviated Constitution handout.
- Pen, marker, or highlighter.

## Activity:

- Students will examine the front page of a newspaper to find examples of the U.S. Constitution in action. It's alive!
- Hand out newspaper front pages to each pair of students and have them mark examples of the U.S. Constitution. Even the paper's masthead is an example (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment!)
- Older students will cite Article and section (or Amendment).
- Share their findings in class.