

# Six Big Ideas in the Constitution

## Worksheet 1 Answer Key: Outlining the Text

Count the words in each article and calculate the percentage of the whole it represents to determine how much of the text was dedicated to each structure or power.

Section of the Constitution	Number of Words	Percentage (of 4379 words)	Main Subject, Structure, or Power Addressed in the Article
Preamble	52	1	We the people... form a more perfect Union
Article I	2268	52	The Legislative Branch
Article II	1025	23	The Executive Branch
Article III	377	8	The Judicial Branch
Article IV	330	8	The States
Article V	145	3	Amending the Constitution
Article VI	156	4	The Constitution is the Supreme Law
Article VII	26	1	Ratification

## Mapping the Constitution

Represent the percentages from the table above in a visual form. Using different colors for each of the Articles and the Preamble, color in the squares to represent the percentage of the whole Constitution that is dedicated to each article. Each square represents 1% of the document (round up or down as necessary).

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.	32.	33.	34.	35.	36.	37.	38.	39.	40.
41.	42.	43.	44.	45.	46.	47.	48.	49.	50.
51.	52.	53.	54.	55.	56.	57.	58.	59.	60.
61.	62.	63.	64.	65.	66.	67.	68.	69.	70.
71.	72.	73.	74.	75.	76.	77.	78.	79.	80.
81.	82.	83.	84.	85.	86.	87.	88.	89.	90.
91.	92.	93.	94.	95.	96.	97.	98.	99.	100.

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## Worksheet 4 Answer Key: Exploring the Constitution through Primary Sources

Document Title and Author (s)	Type of Document	Article, Section, and Clause of the Constitution it Reflects	Power, Check, or Balance it Demonstrates
Election of House Speaker Tip O'Neill as recorded in the House Journal, 1/15/1979; NAID 1150939	Page from the House Journal	I/2/5	Power - The member of the House may elect a Speaker of the House.
Resolution of Impeachment of President Andrew Johnson, 2/21/1868; NAID 2127356	House Resolution	I/2/5	Power - The House has the Constitutional power of impeachment.
Ronald Reagan's First State of the Union Address, 1/26/1982; NAID 595071	Presidential Address to Congress	II/3/1	Power - The President delivers State of the Union messages to Congress.
Attempted Override of President Richard Nixon's Veto of S. 518, 1973; NAID 2127368	An Act of Congress with a Veto Message and an Override Vote Tally attached	I/7/2	Power - The President can veto Acts of Congress and Congress can override.
Drawing of the Incandescent Light Bulb by Thomas Edison 1/ 27/1880; NAID 17370155	Patent Drawing	I/8/8	Power - Congress can grant authors and inventors exclusive right to their work for a set time.
Nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor as Supreme Court Justice, 8/19/1981; NAID 595429	Nomination Message	II/2/2	Power - The President has the power to appoint certain officers subject to the consent of the Senate.
Judgment in the Supreme Court Decision for Brown et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka et al., 5/31/1955; NAID 596300	Ruling by the Supreme Court	III/1/1	Power - Judicial power is vested in a Supreme Court and other "inferior courts."
President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Day of Infamy Speech, 12/8/1941; NAID 595426	Presidential Message to Congress	I/8/11	Power - Presidents recommend legislation: in this case that Congress declare war on Japan.