

Constitution Scavenger Hunt with Political Cartoons

Handout 1: Outlining the Text (Answer Key)

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.