

**Children's Literature**  
**American Constitution and Keys Events, Ideas, and Leaders that Highlight**  
**Constitutional Rights and Ideals**

The following list of books is a sampling of what is available to teach about the origins, meaning, and application of the American Constitution to the government it established, and the freedoms that it protects. The numbers after the publisher and date refer to the approximate grades at which the books can be used. Some materials are fiction showing a character's experience in using rights to correct an injustice. Biography and fiction are provided on the same list because in children's literature, biographies often have a narrative story-like character.

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- Cheney, Lynne. **We the People: The Story of Our Constitution**. Simon & Schuster, 2008. (3-8)
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- Conway, John R. **A Look at the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments: Slavery Abolished, Equal Protection Established**. Enslow, 2008. (9-12)
- Cornelius, Kay. **Supreme Court**. Chelsea House, 2000. (2-6)
- Crompton, Samuel. **McCulloch v Maryland: Implied Powers of the Federal Government**. Facts on File, 2007. (5-12)
- Cruz, Barbara. **Triumphs and Struggles for Latino Civil Rights**. Enslow, 2008. (5-12)
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- Hamilton, John. **The Bill Of Rights (Government in Action!).** Checkerboard Books, 2004. (3-6)
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- Horn, Geoffrey. **Bill of Rights and Other Amendments.** Gareth Stevens Pub., 2003. (4-5)
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- Hynes, Patricia. **Rights and Values.** Cherry Lake, 2007. (2-6)

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Jarrow, Gail. **Printer's Trial: The Case of John Peter Zenger and the Fight for a Free Press.** Calkins Creek Books, 2006. (4-8)

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