

# **UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, DOCUMENT CREATION HISTORY STRUCTURE AND PRINCIPLES**

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# CONSTITUTION

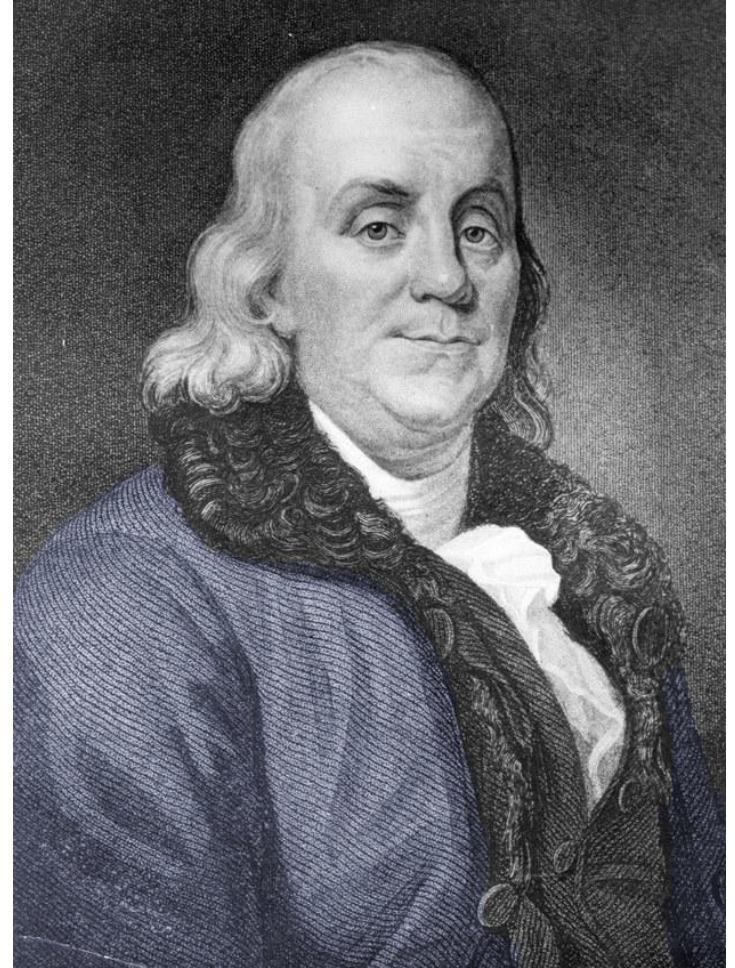
**The US Constitution - the basic law of the United States of America, having the highest legal force.**

**The Constitution of the United States is the source of government authority and the fundamental law of the land.**



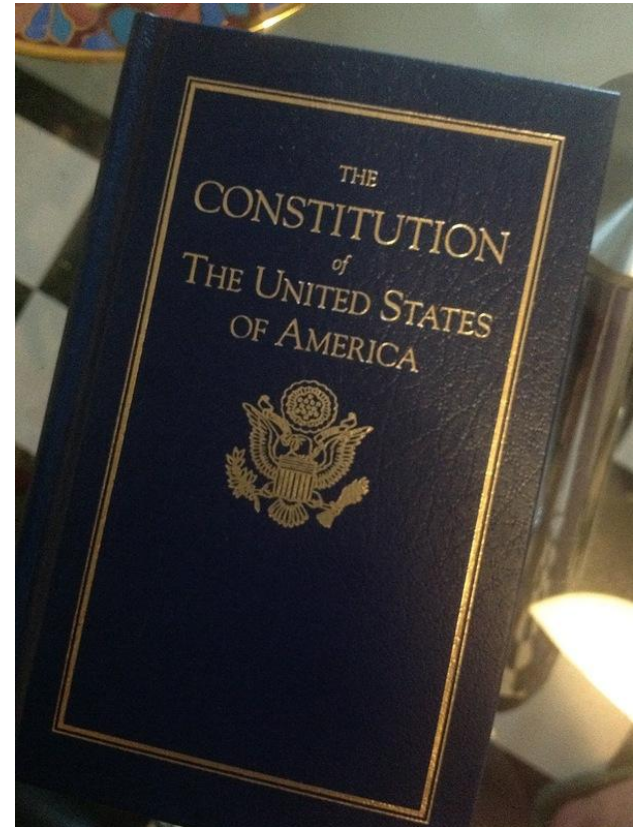
# CONSTITUTION

The creators knew that the Constitution is not an ideal document. However, as Benjamin Franklin said, on the day of the convention's closing in 1787: "I agree that there are many flaws in this Constitution, but I'm sure that we simply need the central government ... And I doubt that any other convention will be able to develop a document better than this Constitution. "



# DOCUMENT CREATION HISTORY

**In the United States, the first constitution appeared in 1787. A few years later, the first 10 amendments were made in 1789.**



# US CONSTITUTION 1787

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- executive power
  - the head of state is the president

- legislative authority - congress consisting of 2 chambers: the supreme chamber (Senate) and the lower chamber (House of Representatives)

- Supreme Federal Court:
- right to review laws passed by Congress

# **STRUCTURE OF THE US CONSTITUTION**

**THE CONSTITUTION CONSISTS OF A PREAMBLE AND  
7 ARTICLES, DIVIDED INTO PARTS.**

# PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION:

- the principle of federalism
- the principle of separation of powers with checks and balances
- the principle of national sovereignty
- constitutional judicial review

