

## Resources for Representation, Our Federal Government and the Constitution

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1789 - Constitution ratified.

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