1. **Independence Declared!**

Before the American colonists could form their own government, they needed to win their independence from Britain. In what year was American independence declared?

2. **Declaration of Independence Written by A Young Patriot**

Here’s a brief biography of Thomas Jefferson. Read all three (short) pages. How old was Jefferson when he wrote the Declaration of Independence?

3. **Thomas Jefferson's Address**

Jefferson is honored on the nickels you carry around every day. What was the name of Jefferson’s home? (It’s shown on the back of the coin!)

4. **Sign On The Dotted Line!**

Here’s a copy of the Declaration of Independence. Which Massachusetts patriot was the first to sign, with a signature so bold that King George wouldn’t miss it?

5. **Name That Government!**

Once independence was declared, the colonies needed to form a new government. What was the name given to the plan of government they adopted on November 15, 1777? (Read both pages)

6. **Home of the 76ers**

After the Revolutionary War, the Articles of Confederation needed to be improved. In what city did colonial delegates meet to plan a better form of government? (Take the tour!)

7. **The Hall of Documents**

Here’s a map of old Philadelphia. Click on Independence Hall for some photographs. Besides the U.S. Constitution, what other important document was signed there?

8. **Name That Delegate!**

Scroll down to this famous painting of the Constitutional Convention. Hold your pointer over each delegate to identify him. Who is the tall figure standing on the platform?
9. **Father of the Constitution**

Sometimes called "The Father of the Constitution," this influential delegate went on to become our fourth president. What was his name?

10. **Ben Franklin Runs Away from Home**

Here’s a brief story about Ben Franklin’s life as a kid in Boston. What caused him to run away to Philadelphia, where he later helped to create the Constitution?

11. **A Duel Between Men**

One of the most influential delegates to the Convention was Alexander Hamilton. In 1804, this brilliant man was killed in a duel. What was the name of the man who killed him?

12. **Imagine The Constitutional Convention in Boston Today!**

Massachusetts sent 4 delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787: Elbridge Gerry, Nathaniel Gorham, Caleb Strong, and _?_.

13. **Three Small Words That Shaped A Nation**

The Constitution begins with a “Preamble” and three words which are the foundation of our government and our democratic way of life. What are those three words?

14. **Keeping It Legal!**

Delegates at the Constitutional Convention believed the legislative branch was the most important. Which article in the Constitution outlines the makeup of this branch?

15. **Which Plan to Choose?**

Regarding representation in Congress, there were 2 main plans. The “Virginia Plan” called for representation by population. The “_?_ Plan” called for equal representation for all states.
16. **A House Divided!**

In order to reach agreement about representation in Congress, the delegates made a “Great Compromise.” They created 2 legislative houses. There would be equal representation of big and small states in the _?_, but there would be representation by population size in the House.

17. **The Massachusetts Delegation**

Like all states, Massachusetts has two senators. How many representatives does our state send to the House? (Locate the names of the reps for the Brockton area – Districts 9 & 10.)

18. **The Executive Branch**

Article II of the Constitution outlines the duties of the executive branch. According to Linda Monk, what is the main duty of the executive branch?

19. **The Power of the Bench**

Article III outlines the duties of the judicial branch. What is the term for the power the judiciary has to declare acts of the President or Congress unconstitutional?

20. **You Have The Right......**

The Constitution also gives the judiciary the power to interpret the laws. What was the name of the 1966 Supreme Court case which defended the rights of those being arrested?

21. **Know Your Rights!**

Many delegates demanded that a “Bill of Rights” be added to the Constitution before they would sign it. Do you know your “Bill of Rights”? Test yourself with this match game!

22. **All Those Opposed?**

During the ratification process, two factions emerged. The Federalists supported ratifying the Constitution. What was the name of the faction which opposed ratifying the Constitution?
23. **Ninth in Line!**

__________(Scroll down to “The Order of Ratification”) Nine of the thirteen states had to ratify if the Constitution was to become the law. Which state was the ninth to ratify?

24. **New From The Old**

__________Article V outlines the amendment process. According to Linda Monk, how many amendments were ratified under the old Articles of Confederation?

25. **Partners in Governing!**

__________What is the term for the system by which the federal government and the state governments share power? This is a key feature of American government.

26. **Free At Last!**

__________Not including the “Bill of Rights”, the Constitution has been amended only 17 times in its entire history! The 13th Amendment was added in 1865. What did it outlaw?

27. **Women Get Their Rights!**

__________Another amendment to the Constitution gave women the right to vote. Alice Paul was a suffragette. Which amendment gave women the right to vote in 1920?