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Weekly Task

November: Week 4



Indian Constitution Day – Understanding Our Constitution

Objective

To help students understand the purpose of a constitution, explore key ideas associated with the **Constitution of India**, and recognise the importance of rights, responsibilities, equality, and democratic participation. Students will develop research, reading, inquiry, critical-thinking, and communication skills through guided use of the **Britannica Library**.



Expected Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Understand what a constitution is and why countries have constitutions
- Learn about the Constitution of India and its importance
- Understand basic ideas such as democracy, equality, rights, and responsibilities
- Explore the connection between citizens and government
- Develop research, reading, organisation, and analytical thinking skills
- Understand why rules and laws are important in a democratic society
- Reflect on how constitutional values apply to everyday life

Introduce the Theme

Begin with a class discussion:

- Why do schools and communities need rules?
- What is a constitution?
- Why do you think India has a Constitution?

Explain that **Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Divas, is observed in India on 26 November** to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.

Skills & Values

Skills:

- Research
- Inquiry
- Reading
- Critical Thinking, Communication
- Analysis
- Organisation
- Reflection

Values:

- Equality
- Justice
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Democracy
- Inclusion
- Citizenship
- Cooperation

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Suggested Activities by Grade Band

Grades 9–12: The Constitution, Democracy & Citizenship

Focus:

Constitutional principles, democratic government, rights, and responsibilities

Students begin by researching Britannica Library resources related to:

- Constitution of India
- Democracy
- Fundamental rights

Students explore:

- The purpose of a constitution
- The Constitution of India and its role in governance
- Democracy and representative government
- The relationship between citizens and government
- The importance of constitutional principles in a democracy

You may guide them using prompts like:

- Why does a democratic country need a constitution?
- How does a constitution organise government?
- Why are rights important?
- What role do citizens play in a democracy?
- Why is understanding the Constitution important for young people?

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Q1. Why does a country need a constitution?

Q2. How does the Constitution provide a framework for democratic government?

Q3. Why are rights and equality important in a democracy?

Q4. Why should young people understand the Constitution even before they become adult citizens?

Encourage students to support their talking points with **information from the Britannica Library**



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Talking Points

Question 1:
Why does a country need a constitution?

Question 2:
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Question 3:
Why are rights and equality important in a democracy?

Question 4:
Why should young people understand the Constitution even before they become adult citizens?

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