

Student Worksheet #2: Understanding the Constitution



1. Why did the U.S. replace the Articles of Confederation with the Constitution?
2. Why do you think the Founding Fathers wanted three branches of federal government instead of one?
3. What does "Checks and Balances" mean? Why is it important?
4. Why was the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments) added to the Constitution?

Click on [**National Archives: The Bill of Rights**](#) and read the first 10 amendments of the Constitution (The Bill of Rights). Write the main idea of each Amendment here:

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