The U.S. Constitution: A Radical Document?

Keywords to use in your online and book index searches:

Republican form of government       Three-fifths Compromise
Edmund Randolph                    Federalists
William Paterson                   Anti-Federalists
James Madison                      The Federalist Paper
Great Compromise (Roger Sherman's "Connecticut
Compromise")

Constitution as a "living" document

Be sure to consult the MLA Green Sheet Style Guide and/or the Library Research brochure help you cite and document sources correctly in your report!

Print Resources

Some books have already been pulled for you and are located on a cart.

On-Line Databases

OmniFile Mega from POWER Library:
- To access this database from school: From STUDENT LINKS, click onto the POWER Library link.
- Under General Reference click on OmniFile Mega.
- Make sure to select FULL TEXT and SCHOLARLY (PEER REVIEWED) JOURNALS to get scholarly results.

✓ On the results page, you can view the article in HTML or PDF, if available. Use the Print, Email, Save, CITE buttons on the right side bar as necessary.
✓ **Home access:** Try from STUDENT LINKS, click onto the POWER Library link. If that doesn’t work, go to the Township Library’s web page [http://www.twpusc.org/library/index.html](http://www.twpusc.org/library/index.html)
  o You will need the barcode number from your TOWNSHIP LIBRARY CARD!
  o On the right-hand side of the screen, click onto ONLINE DATABASES. Under “General Reference,” click Access PA POWER Library.
  o Follow the directions and enter the barcode number on your Township Library card. If you need to use your password, it is the last 4 digits of your phone number.
  o Then click onto the database that you want to use.

**History Reference Center**
This is a history-specific database with lots of search options to help you narrow/broaden a search.
- To access this database from school and home: From STUDENT LINKS, click onto History Reference Center.
- **User Id:** uschs   **Password:** panther

**Britannica Online School Edition**
The Britannica Encyclopedia and a lots more! Primary sources here!
- From STUDENT LINKS, click the Encyclopedia Britannica link (left side of page at the bottom).
- **If needed, login: user I.D.: uschs password: panther**
- Choose the HIGH SCHOOL edition (VIEW THIS LEVEL).
- Check out the video clip collection, Learning Materials section, and Time Travel (great for timelines!!)
- You can access eBooks and primary sources in the REFERENCE DESK area.
- Catch up on news from *The New York Times on the Web* and the *BBC News*.
- To cite Britannica articles, click the CITE ARTICLE button at the top right.

**World Book Advanced---ONLY AVAILABLE FOR A SHORT TIME!**
This is a general reference database…the good old *World Book Encyclopedia* and a lot more!
From STUDENT LINKS, click the World Book Online link.
Go to STUDENT LINKS
- Enter this user I.D.: uschs    Enter this password: panther
- Click “Go” and Enter your search terms.

**Gale’s Discovering Collection**
For this assignment, use the “History Search” link in this database. NOTE: Remember to look at the “Primary Documents” tab...great information!
- From STUDENT LINKS, click onto the Gale’s Discovering Collection.
- If prompted, type in the password panther and click PROCEED.

**JSTOR**
College-level research database
- From STUDENT LINKS, click the JSTOR link.
- Enter the Username: uschs and Password: panther
**Points of View**
Articles show both sides of an issue
- To access this database from school and home: From STUDENT LINKS, click onto Points of View.
  - **User Id:** uschs  **Password:** panther

**The World & I**
- From STUDENT LINKS, click onto World & I.
  - **username:** uschs  **password:** panther

**Web Sites**
Evaluate the sites that you get when using a search engine like google or yahoo. Is the site credible? Biased? Current? Is it a BLOG—which can be opinion?

Evaluating Web Sites
- Is the author/producer of the site listed on the page?
- Is there any reference to the author’s authority in the subject matter presented in the website?
- Is there a way to contact the author on the page (e-mail, address, phone number)?
- Is the site linked to a government, educational, or commercial establishment?
- Does the site list sources used in the information presented?
- Is the purpose of the site obvious?
- To the best of your knowledge, does the site use correct spelling and grammar?
- Does the site have a copyright and/or last revision date? (Look at the bottom of the page.)
- Do the links on the page work?
- Are the links relevant and appropriate?

**Library of Congress: Primary Documents in American History**
http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/Constitution.html

**U.S. House of Representatives Educational Resources**
http://www.house.gov/content/educate/

**The Constitutional Convention** http://teachingamericanhistory.org/convention/

**Constitutional Topic: The Constitutional Convention**
Scroll down---there is a blank space at the top and the information follows.
http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop_ccon.html
Lots of background history and how the Constitution impacted the people, slaves, etc.

**Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute The United States Constitution By Joseph A. Montagna**
http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1982/3/82.03.03.x.html