

The Constitution Comes to Life

We the People
insure domestic Tranquility provide for the common defence
and our Posterity, do hereby establish this Constitution

Part I

You will need a copy of the U.S. Constitution as your primary source material. Use it to find out how each government institution mentioned below was created. For each institution, list the part of the Constitution that calls for it and whether it was created directly or indirectly.

Government Institution	Part of Constitution	Directly/Indirectly
Justice Department		
Electoral College		
U.S. Mint		
Supreme Court		
U.S. Department of State		
U.S. Navy		
Internal Revenue Service		
Patent and Trademark Office		

Part II

One-Page Essay Topic, Statement Response:

On the Constitution's 200th birthday, Chief Justice Warren Burger said, "The Declaration of Independence was the promise; the Constitution was the fulfillment."

In a short one-page essay, explain what this statement means. Cite specific examples from the Constitution describing how this document helped to fulfill the promise of America. What would have happened to the country if the Constitution had not been ratified? Include at least three existing government institutions created by the Constitution without which you think the country could not survive.