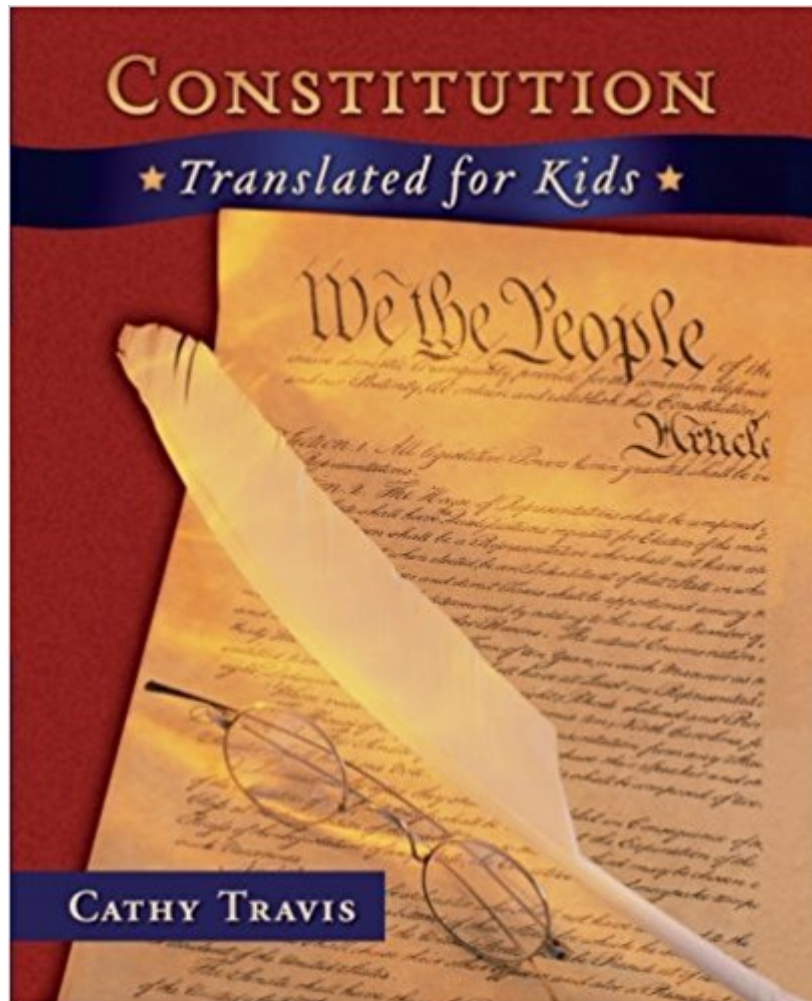




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Constitution Translated for Kids - winner of the 2011 Gelett Burgess Children's Book Award for Education (Government and Politics), the "Mom's Choice Award" and a "Best Books Award" - is a simple, widely acclaimed, non ideological translation of the entire U.S. Constitution, side-by-side with the original 1787 text. Teachers hail the accompanying free Teacher's Guide as an extraordinary resource to teach the Constitution to all ages.

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Grade 5-10 A sentence-by-sentence, article-by-article interpretation of the Constitution. The first half of the book is arranged to show the original wording of the document in one column, with a translation in simple language on the right. For example, part of Article I Section 9 explaining the Writ of Habeas Corpus, is explained, People who are arrested and put in jail have the right to make the government tell them why they were put in jail. Articles that were later amended or repealed are noted as such. The second half of the book describes how the Constitution has evolved, defines the branches of government, gives details about each amendment, and includes a glossary. This edition updates information about proposed amendments. Boxed fast facts and pen-and-ink drawings and spot art break up the text. No other book in the 320s gives an as easy-to-understand discussion of each sentence as this important document. Libraries may want to consider purchasing circulating copies as well. Linda Beck, Indian Valley Public Library, Telford, PA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights

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Just bought this book for my bright 11 yr old, and she's eating it up.1. Comments about the author putting opinions into the translation seem unfair to me, this looks like a rather unbiased translation.2. I'm not sure what ages this book was recommended for, but I would say a bright 11/12 yr old would enjoy it. Not sure a child younger than this will appreciate it.3. I would have liked more practical examples of how the law is interpreted. Maybe this is an idea for a follow up book?The author seems to be very talented, and this is a valuable addition to a home or school library.

Excellent book! Every child, including our president, should read this book to gain a solid understanding of what our constitution says and means.

I used this to teach a homeschooling U.S. Government class, and this book was extremely helpful! The translations made the Constitution more real by writing it in modern language. Thank you!

I bought this for my 7th grade grandson. It translates 18th century language into normal 21st century narrative. It is great.

I have used this book several times for my college classes. I love the fact on the left column of the page is the actual wording of the Constitution and on the right column is the modern day language. Made it so easy to understand.

Thank goodness there are now authors who appreciate the younger audiences. If kids are exposed

to our founding documents early in their academic grades, they will appreciate history more fully as they progress. I wish this book would have been available when I was younger. Buy this and another of my recommendations for students: "The Elementary Common Sense of Thomas Paine; An Interactive Adaptation for All Ages" [here](#) on . I have given copies of both these titles to my brother and extended family, and even donated copies to the local elementary and middle school.

This excellent and easy to comprehend book is a MUST if you're learning or teaching the constitution. The pages are split down the middle. On the left are the words of the constitution, on the right is a reworded translation for children to easily understand the verbage without changing it's meaning. It is very clear, consise, and NON-INTIMIDATING! After struggling to create an interest in learning the constitution with my 3 homeschooled children ages 9-13, this has been what causes them to proclaim History to be their favorite subject. I recommend this book.

Clearly the "genius" from Oklahoma skipped Dick and Jane (why bother) and went straight to the Complete Works of William Shakespeare in the 1st grade. If there was a political bias, our "genius" clearly didn't pick up on it. For the rest of society, an early introduction to the constitution is a much needed book to get kids interested in goevernment and politics from an early age. The book offers the original constitution and a modern day translation article by article. It raises issues for discussion when the original language is intentionally vague and provides a great teaching and learning tool for the home or the school. This book should be required reading for all middle schools.

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