

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Directions: Using a copy of the Constitution, answer the following questions. Do NOT read the document—just *look* at it.

1. How many separate sections (called articles) does the Constitution have?
2. How many pages is the Constitution? Is it longer or shorter than you expected? How does the length compare to your school's student handbook?
3. The first article is about the legislative branch, the second article is about the executive branch, and the third article deals with the judicial branch. Without reading the articles themselves, what can you infer about how the Founders viewed these three branches of government?
4. What can you tell about the Constitution based on the way it is organized?
5. How many people signed the Constitution? Is this number higher or lower than you expected? What do you notice about the makeup of the list of signers?