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What Is the Constitution? - Vocab Cards

amendment]>

a change or addition to a legal document, like a bill or constitution.

The US Founding Fathers didn't put free speech in the original Constitution, but they eventually added an _amendment_ guaranteeing it to all citizens.

Synonyms: change, revision, modification



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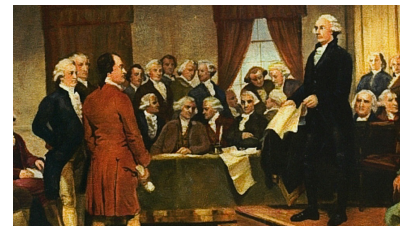
Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

constitution]>

the document that describes the principles and laws of a country, state, or organization.

When questions arise, the Supreme Court is tasked with interpreting the US _Constitution_ and determining what the basic laws of the country express.

Synonyms: charter, legislation



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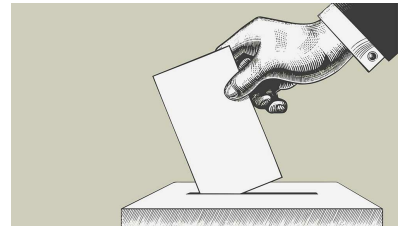
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democracy]>

a form of government in which power is held by the people, who vote to elect their representatives.

Elections where people choose who will represent them in government is a key characteristic of many _democracies_.

Synonyms: representative government



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Founding Father]>

any of key players in America's fight for independence against Great Britain and in forming America's national identity through the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

The _Founding Fathers_ who drafted the Constitution in 1787 included many future US presidents.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

independence]>

that state of not being under others' control, usually referring to a country's status of being self-governing.

The US gained _independence_ from Great Britain in 1776, separating itself from British rule.

Synonyms: freedom, autonomy

Antonyms: reliance, dependence

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