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Constitutions and Founding Documents

- ✓ **Constitution Annotated** (<https://www.constitution.congress.gov>). Includes: historical notes regarding the creation and ratification of the U.S. Constitution and its amendments, as well as detailed analyses of subsequent legal interpretations of constitutional language.
- ✓ **Guide to Law Online** (<https://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide.php>). Includes: links to free online resources regarding the U.S. Constitution, U.S. state constitutions, Native American constitutions and charters, and constitutions of other countries.

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- ✓ **Congress.gov** (<https://www.congress.gov/>). Includes: official U.S. federal legislative information, such as bill information (1973 to present), debates of Congress (1989 to present), and congressional committee reports (1995 to present); legislative process videos; and profiles of members of Congress.
- ✓ **Bringing Congress to the Classroom** (<http://www.loc.gov/law/find/educational-resources/>). Includes: teacher lesson plans.

- ✓ **Century of Lawmaking** (<https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/>). Includes: records of the Continental Congress, the Constitutional Convention, and the U.S. Congress from 1774 to 1873, including U.S. laws, bills, books, debates, and journals.

Trial Materials

- ✓ **How to Find Free Case Law Online** (<https://guides.loc.gov/free-case-law>). Includes: information about how to find state and federal appellate court decisions in popular free online resources.
- ✓ **John Adams and the Boston Massacre Trial** (http://www.loc.gov/law/help/rare-books/john_adams.php). Includes: reports and transcripts of the court proceedings in which a young John Adams, future president of the United States, served as defense counsel in the trial of eight British soldiers accused of murder during a riot in Boston in 1770.
- ✓ **Lincoln and the Law** (<https://www.loc.gov/law/help/rare-books/lincoln.php>). Includes: full text of many items from the Law Library's rare book collection that shed light on Lincoln's work as an attorney and how it influenced him as a statesman.
- ✓ **Piracy Trials** (https://www.loc.gov/law/help/piracy/piracy_trials.php). Includes: pre-1923 publications that contain accounts of piratical events, trials, confessions, and executions.

Law by Subject

- ✓ **Law Library Research Guides** (<https://guides.loc.gov/law-library>). Includes: guidance on finding treatises, cases, statutes and regulations regarding several of our most requested areas of legal research.
- ✓ **Legal Research Guides** (<https://www.loc.gov/law/help/how-find.php>). Includes: assistance regarding legal issues that affect the U.S. and countries worldwide, incorporating quick techniques and a selection of legal resources and tools.
- ✓ **Commemorative Months** (<https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/index.php>). Includes: commentary and recommended resources for selected national observances and commemorative months.

Legal Issues in the News

- ✓ **Global Legal Monitor** (<http://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/>). Includes: articles, drafted by our foreign law experts, regarding legal news and developments worldwide, organized by topic and country/region.
- ✓ **In Custodia Legis**, the Law Library's blog (<http://blogs.loc.gov/law/>). Includes: frequently updated posts regarding current legal news, events and trends, as well as deep dives into legal history and arcana.