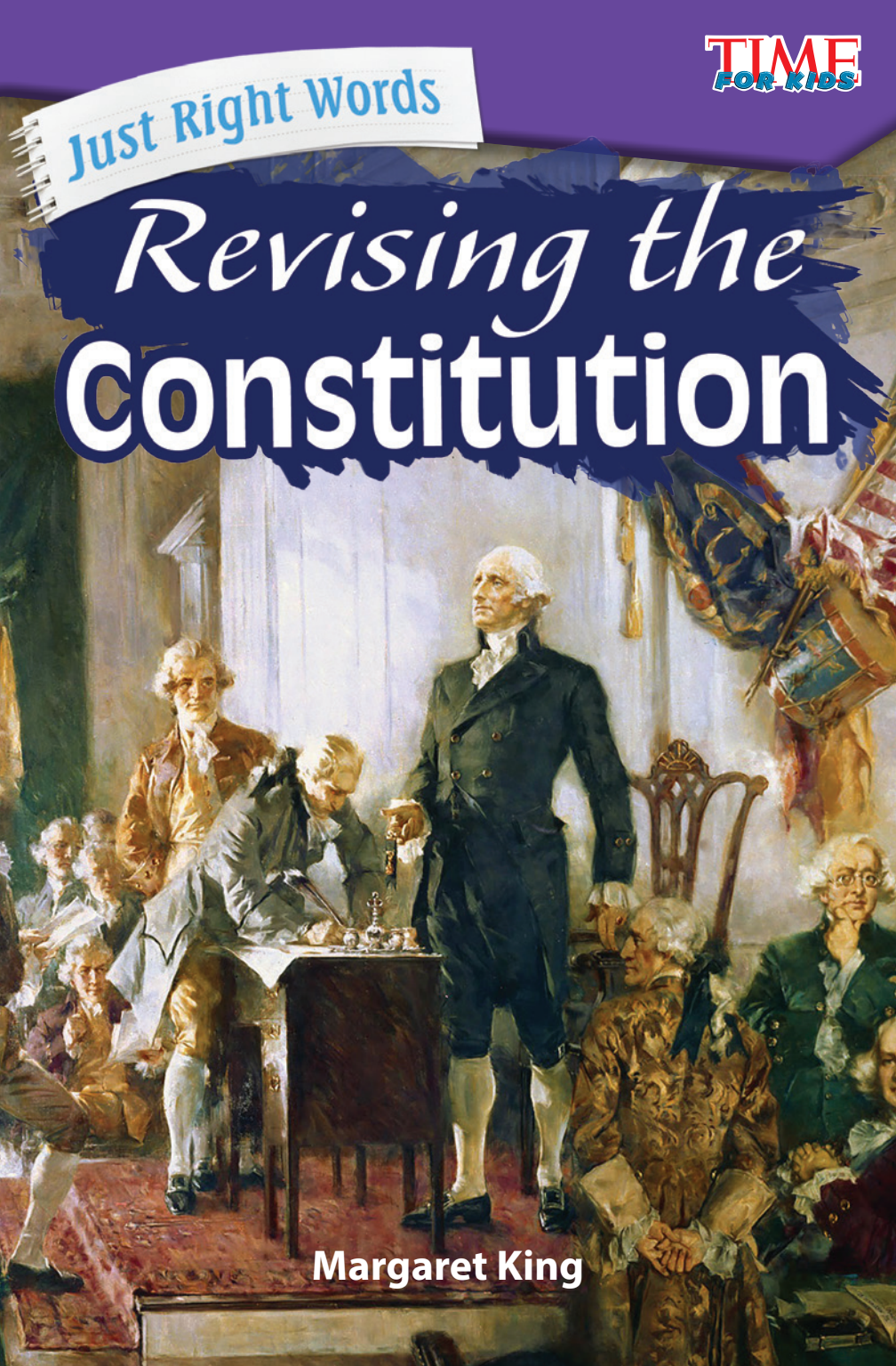


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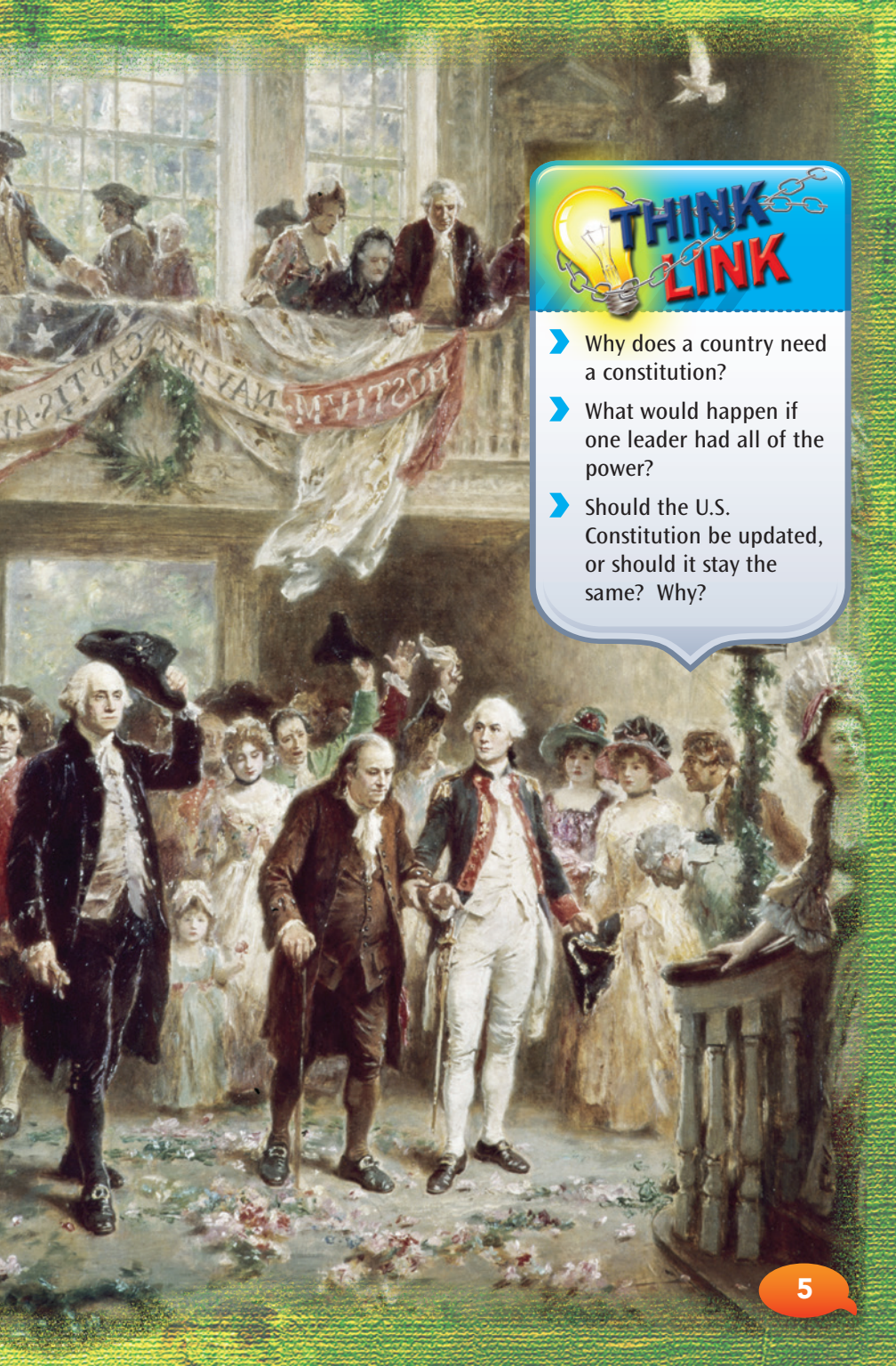
Law of the Land

When you play a sport, you follow a set of rules. Did you know there is also a set of rules for how to run the United States government? The U.S. Constitution is the highest law in the nation. It has rules for **electing** leaders and making laws. It also spells out the rights each person has.

The men who wrote the Constitution in 1787 described a government that could adapt, yet **endure**. The document they crafted has been **amended** many times. It is still guiding the nation after more than 230 years.

Fixed or Flexible?

Over the years, scholars have argued about how to **interpret** the Constitution. Should the country stick to the exact words of the document's writers, or is it better to interpret those words to fit the times? Lawmakers have been arguing over this topic since the Constitution was written. Even the Founding Fathers couldn't agree.



- ▶ Why does a country need a constitution?
- ▶ What would happen if one leader had all of the power?
- ▶ Should the U.S. Constitution be updated, or should it stay the same? Why?