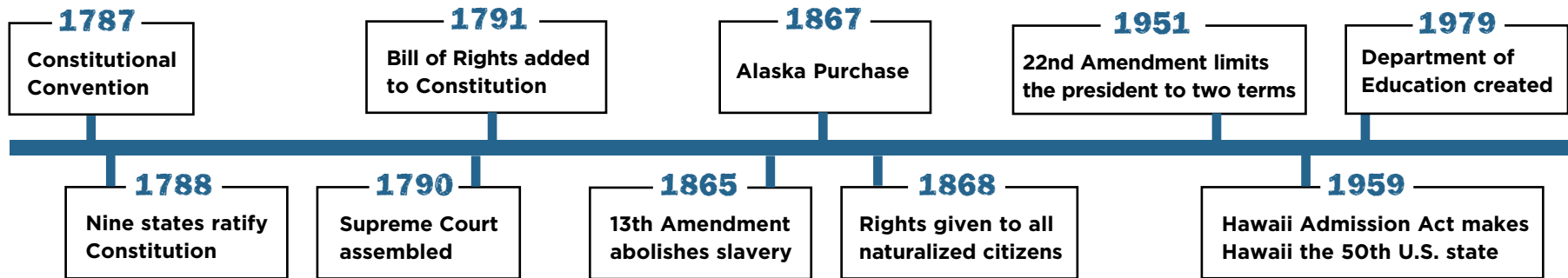


U.S. Constitution Fact Sheet



Did You Know...

- The Constitutional Convention took place in Philadelphia from May to September of 1787.
- The Constitution is four large pages long.
- Thirty-nine delegates signed the Constitution.
- James Madison, who went on to become the fourth president of the United States, helped write the Constitution.
- The Constitution is the oldest written constitution and also the shortest written constitution in the world.
- Excluding the amendments, the Constitution is made up of only 4,400 words.
- “Pennsylvania” is spelled differently on the original document than it is today.
- Four of the delegates who signed the Constitution were born in Ireland.

The U.S. Constitution Glossary

Amendment: A deletion, addition, or modification to the Constitution

Delegate: A person elected or appointed as a member of a representative assembly

Electoral College: Process through which a U.S. president and vice president are elected per officials called “electors” in each state

Ratify: To approve and formally sanction

Suffrage: The right to vote

Veto: A power of one department or branch of a government to forbid or prohibit the carrying out of projects attempted by another department

Online Resources

- www.senate.gov/civics/constitution_item/constitution.htm
- www.constitutioncenter.org/
- <http://founders-blog.blogspot.com/>
- www.archives.gov
- www.landmarkcases.org
- www.ourdocuments.gov