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# Creating a Classroom Constitution

## Objective:

Students will work together to create a set of rules and rights that keep the classroom fair, safe, and respectful, just like the U.S. Constitution does for the country.

## Step 1: Hook (Engage Students)

- Begin by asking: "What rules help our classroom run smoothly? What happens if there are no rules?"
- Show a simple copy or kid-friendly picture of the U.S. Constitution.
- Explain that just like the country has a Constitution, your class can make one too.

## Step 2: Brainstorm Rights and Responsibilities

- On chart paper or the board, make two columns: "Rights" and "Responsibilities."
- Ask students:
  1. What rights should students have in our classroom? (Examples: the right to learn, the right to feel safe, the right to ask questions.)
  2. What responsibilities should we follow to protect those rights? (Examples: listening when others talk, treating materials with care, being kind.)

## Step 3: Draft the Constitution

- Write a simple preamble together, such as:

"We the Students of Room 12, in order to have a safe, fair, and happy classroom, promise to follow these rules and respect each other."
- As a class, choose 5-7 rules/rights to include. Keep them clear and positive.

#### **Step 4: Ratify (Agree Together)**

- Read the Classroom Constitution out loud.
- Have each student "ratify" it by signing their name (or drawing a symbol if younger).
- Post it on the wall where everyone can see it.

#### **Step 5: Celebrate and Reflect**

- Have a short "Constitution Day" celebration where students share why the rules are important.
- Revisit the Constitution throughout the year when solving problems or making decisions.

#### **Extension Ideas:**

- Students illustrate the Constitution with drawings of each rule.
- Create a small "Classroom Bill of Rights" booklet.
- Compare the class's Constitution to parts of the U.S. Constitution in kid-friendly language.

# Our Classroom Constitution

## Preamble

We the Students of \_\_\_\_\_, in order to have a safe, fair, and happy classroom, promise to follow these rules and respect one another.

## Our Rights

In our classroom, we have the right to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Responsibilities

To protect these rights, we will:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

