Did You Know...

• The Constitutional Convention took place in Philadelphia from May to September, 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 U.S. Constitution is not only the oldest, but also the shortest 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 U.S. Constitution

**Delegate**: A person elected or appointed to be a member of a representative assembly

**Electoral College**: Institution 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