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## Why the United States Constitution is Important

The US Constitution is a special living document that was signed over 220 years ago! The Constitution is very important because it sets the framework that our government and legal systems still follow today. This framework protects the basic rights of "We the People" and stops the government from having too much power. Did you know that "We the People" means everyone? The rich, the poor, the young, the old, whites, blacks, men and women are all a part of "We the People". Exactly what rights does it protect?

It protects our right to privacy, our right to choose our religion, our right to vote, our right to do the things we like, and so much more! Without the Constitution, we would not have all these rights. Instead, the government would have all the power and control over its citizens and their rights. This could be really dangerous to the citizens of America; in fact just like Thomas Jefferson said, "The greatest danger to American freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution".

Without the Constitution, all the citizens would not have the rights to be free. Like John Adams said "But a Constitution of government once changed from freedom, can never be restored. Liberty once lost, is lost forever". This is why the US Constitution is a very important living document. It protects the freedom of the citizens of the U.S. to make it the beautiful place we know and love today.