

ROUNDTABLE REVIEWS

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The U.S. Constitution, it's rather verbose and often hard for a child to understand. Cathy Travis's handy book breaks down the Constitution providing both the actual wording and then a more comprehensible version that younger children will understand. At times she does use words that may be tricky to the age group for which the book is intended, but she adds a definition to help clarify things. For example, words like quorum and majority contain definitions that should help children understand the basic concepts.

While I am not sure this makes for household reading, most children would bypass it for a storybook, it is a MUST for teachers or home schoolers. The book isn't overwhelming, it's workbook sized and a little more than 100 pages. This makes it easy for children to handle. In addition, there is a Spanish version available as well.

CONSTITUTION TRANSLATED FOR KIDS is a valuable resource for children learning about the American government and the Constitution. And, a few adults might also find themselves learning a thing or two while reading it.