



Constitution Translated for Kids

by Cathy Travis

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It's hard to imagine a more important book ever being written for children. According to a study by the McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum, 22 percent of Americans could name all five members of the Simpsons, but only one in 1,000 people could name all five First Amendment freedoms. Maybe that is why our government gets away with so much - we have a public ignorant of its own governing Constitution.

That's why Cathy Travis' *Constitution Translated for Kids* is such a treasure. Not only does Travis succeed at explaining in detail the hows, whys and whats of the documents that this nation was founded upon, but she does so in a way that makes this information totally understandable and accessible, for kids as well as adults.

Travis explores the historical timelines of the writing of the Constitution, then delves into the individual amendments and gives their text with a kid-friendly interpretation. She also asks questions that serve as great study guides for classrooms and parents who want to further their family's education, even providing student exercises and discussion points.

This is a book every American must read. So few of our citizens truly understand the Constitution, which is why we so easily let our rights be trampled upon. Perhaps if we all learned a little more about the foundation of our nation, we might truly be able to protect the rights we claim we hold so dear. A truly priceless book. No, I take that back. This book is a National Treasure.
