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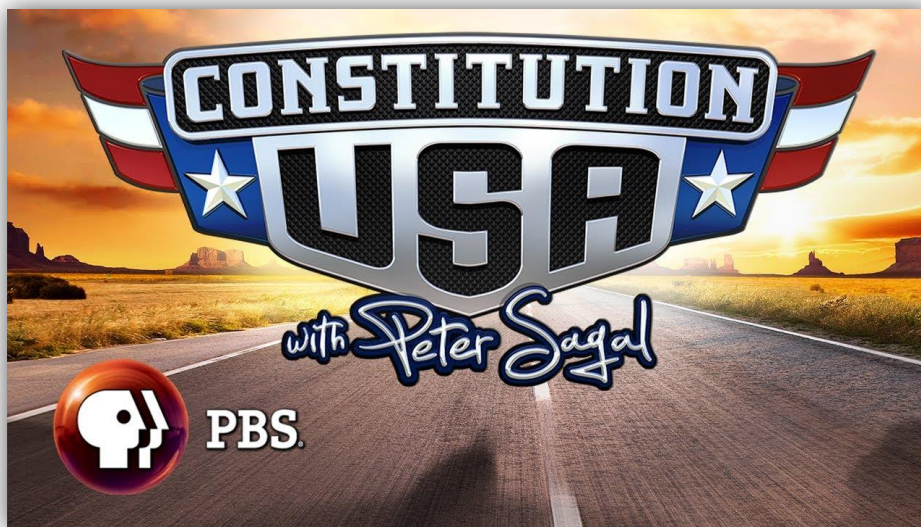
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# Citizenship Day Film Screening

## *Constitution USA*



Celebrate **Citizenship Day** (September 17) and learn about the American civic experience with screenings of the four-part PBS documentary series ***Constitution USA***.

Breathing new life into the traditional civics lesson, Peter Sagal travels across the country on a Harley Davidson to find out where the U.S. Constitution lives, how it works and how it doesn't; how it unites us as a nation and how it has nearly torn us apart.

**A More Perfect Union | It's a Free Country (110 min.)**

**Monday, September 18, 2017, 2 PM**

**Created Equal | Built to Last (110 min.)**

**Tuesday, September 19, 2 PM**

**No registration required**

**Doors open at 1:45 PM**

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# Constitution USA episodes:

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**It's a Free Country** (55 min.) Ask Americans what the Constitution's most important feature is and most will say it's the guarantees of liberty enshrined in the Bill of Rights. In this episode, Sagal explores the history of the Bill of Rights and addresses several stories -- ripped from the headlines -- involving freedom of speech, freedom of religion and right to privacy.

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**Created Equal** (55 min.) The high ideals of the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal" didn't make it into the Constitution in 1787. It took three-quarters of a century, and a bloody civil war, before the Fourteenth Amendment of 1868 made equality a constitutional right and gave the federal government the power to enforce it.

**Built to Last** (55 min.) In this last episode, Sagal travels to Iceland, where after the country's economic collapse, leaders decided to create a new constitution, looking to the U.S. Constitution for inspiration. This prompts Sagal to consider why our own founding document has lasted more than 225 years.



The complete *Constitution USA* series is available to stream through Kanopy video, along with many other documentary films related to citizenship and government. Sign in with your library card and PIN.

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