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Why is the Constitution important to you? There really is a simple answer to this question. Safety, Freedom and Rights. The Constitution is like the glue that holds our country together. Not only am I, but every other American citizen is guaranteed freedom of speech, protection of property, protection of life and many other important rights. The constitution is important because it constantly affects your life. Our presidential election and government system all abides by the rules and regulations put in the Constitution. The Constitution sets rules and regulations for the whole country to follow. I believe that without the constitution, our country would fall apart. I know that some parts of the constitution don't affect me personally, like the statements about police officers or all of the government information that I know I will never understand. But, I can relate and give my opinion on some.

If I was in some other country, as a woman, I couldn't vote and I couldn't get paid the same amount of money for working the same job as a man. Around 2.4 billion women of working age don't have equal economic opportunities as men. The 19th amendment in the U.S Constitution says that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied by the United States or States on account of gender.

The U.S. Constitution is important to me and should be important to every other U.S. citizen also. The Constitution not only sets rules and boundaries to keep U.S. citizens safe and happy but gives important rights to U.S. citizens. Although I am not 18 and cannot vote, I realize the importance that the Constitution has on the voting and electing process. The Constitution is like a very important set of rules that helps keep the U.S. organized and controlled. People in this century don't realize the importance of the Constitution because they didn't live in the time period where there were no rules or regulations. The Constitution was written in 1787 and since then, many changes have been made. The original writers of the constitution probably wouldn't expect that women, native americans, african americans, slaves and men who don't own land can now vote. We can't forget the freedom of speech that the Constitution guarantees me. Without freedom of speech, no one can fight for what they believe in.

Let's not forget, "We The People". "We The People" is the first three words and some say the most important words of the Constitution. I believe by saying, "We The People" the writers of the Constitution knew how important and people-orientated the U.S. would become. We don't rely on a king or queen, instead the people make

decisions and cast votes. "We The People" means that the people all unite as a nation to contribute to the improvement of our country.

I believe that people can and should believe in what they want to and I can't change that. I believe that people deserve to express their beliefs and feelings. Women, all races and men without land should all have the same rights. I believe that the Constitution keeps our country organized and together. In conclusion, The Constitution is important to me because it gives me and every other U.S. citizen the rights that a human being deserves.