

## Why the Constitution Is Important To Me

The Constitution is important to me because it keeps us free. We have the freedoms in the Bill Of Rights. The most important ones to me are the right to bear arms, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion.

The right to bear arms means you have the right to have guns in your house that you own. You need a gun to hunt and to get meat. If the government takes all our guns, I wouldn't be able to protect our livestock. If there are robbers, you will be able to protect yourself, not meaning you shoot them but just warn them not to come inside. Bad guys will always find a way to get a weapon and try to hurt others. Because of the Constitution I have the right to protect myself. The right to bear arms is very important to me and my family.

Freedom of speech means you can talk without someone telling you what you can and can't say. You can't go out and just tell lies and maybe make someone lose their job. If I go to court I have the right to stay silent in court when it would make me look guilty. I can speak as long as I do not lie or speak badly. I have freedom of speech.

Freedom of religion means no one can tell you what church you can go to and what church you can't go to. I can worship God anyway I want to. The Pilgrims left England to worship God the way they

wanted to. Americans still have that right today because of the Constitution.

When I listen to the song God Bless The USA, by Lee Greenwood, it makes me feel proud that I am an American and that I know I am free. We have the right to express our love for God and our country by singing this song in school. I love these rights because I know that the Constitution makes me free.