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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WEBSITE SELECTED AS ONE OF THE BEST ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION IN THE HUMANITIES

Philadelphia, PA (July 17, 2008) – The National Constitution Center’s website, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org), has been selected by EDSITEment as one of the best online resources for humanities education. EDSITEment, a partnership among the National Endowment for the Humanities, Verizon Foundation, and the National Trust for the Humanities, offers links to a variety of websites and online resources for teachers, students, and parents searching for high-quality material on the Internet in the subjects of history and social studies, literature and language arts, foreign languages, and arts and culture.

The Center’s website, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org), features innovative ways to enhance classroom instruction and seek a deeper understanding of American history and active citizenship. It is the ultimate civic learning resource for educators, where they can find primary and secondary source documents and lesson plans, and learn about professional development opportunities.

Students can also explore the Constitution through exciting online games, activities, podcasts, and videos that provide an understanding of the Constitution and its relevance to citizens of every age. Visitors to the site can participate in the ultimate act of citizenship during *Seize the Vote!*, an online game about the history of voting rights in the United States; uncover the decisions Abraham Lincoln made and decide what to do if they were in Lincoln’s shoes during the interactive game, *Lincoln’s Crossroads*; learn about some of the key dates and events that mark more than 200 years of U.S. constitutional history with the *Citizenship Timeline*; and download podcasts from the Center’s “We the People Stories.”

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The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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