Directions: Using a copy of the Constitution, answer the following questions. Do NOT read the document—just look at it.

1. How many separate sections (called Articles) does the Constitution have?

2. How many pages is the Constitution? Is it longer or shorter than you expected? How does the length compare to your school’s student handbook?

3. The first article is about the Legislative Branch, the second article is about the Executive Branch, and the third article deals with the Judicial Branch. Without reading the Articles themselves, what can you infer about how the Founders viewed these three branches of government?

4. What can you tell about the Constitution based on the way it is organized?

5. How many people signed the Constitution? Is this number higher or lower than you expected? What do you notice about the makeup of the list of signers?
Directions: Look at your copy of the Constitution. Do NOT read the Constitution—just look at it. Then, answer the questions below.

1. How many main sections (Articles) does the Constitution have?

2. How many pages is the Constitution? Did you think it would be longer or shorter? Why?

3. Article I is about the Legislative Branch. Article II is about the Executive Branch. Article III is about the Judicial Branch. Which article is the longest? Does this give you a clue as to which branch the authors believed should be most powerful?

4. What does the organization of the Constitution tell you?

5. How many people signed the Constitution? Did you think the number would be higher or lower? What do you notice about the names?