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# The Constitution Rules!



The Constitution was written long ago. It lists rules for our country. Let's read what it says.



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**KEY WORD**

**Constitution** (kon-stih-**too**-shun) Four pieces of paper that have the most important laws of our country written on them.

# The Rules of the Constitution



President Obama

The **Constitution** says we have a President. The President is the leader of our country. We vote to choose who he or she will be.



The Constitution says we can be any religion. We are free to choose.

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It says we all use the same money. Long ago, states had different money. That was very confusing! Now, people in all states use the same money.

GIRL AND COIN ©BLEND IMAGES/SUPERSTOCK



These kids say they want more money for schools.

The Constitution says we are free to say what we want. Our words should not harm others.

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## NEWS FLASH!

### Where Is the Constitution?

The Constitution was written more than 200 years ago. But people can still see it today!

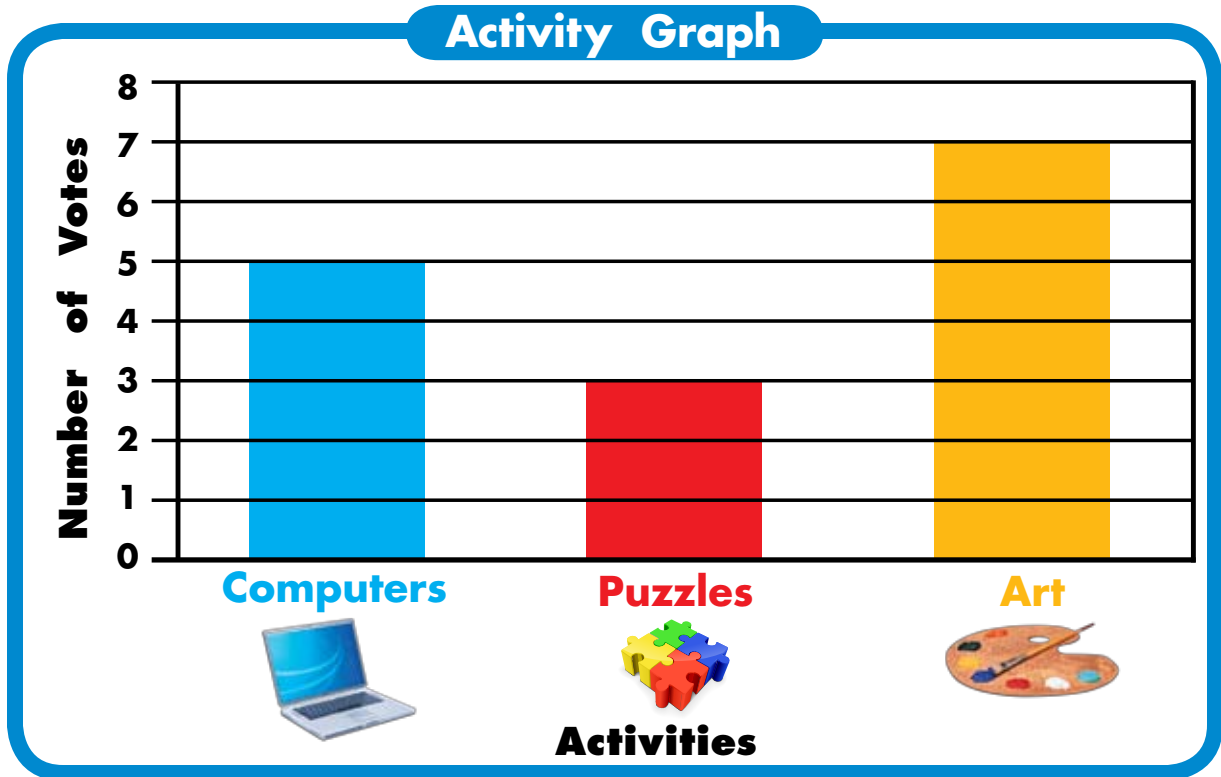
It is in our country's capital, Washington, D.C. It is kept behind glass. Guards stand close by to keep it safe.



KIDS/CONSTITUTION ROTUNDA ©MICHAEL VENTURA/ALAMY

# Kids Vote Too!

One class voted on what to play. Look at the graph. Then, fill in the bubbles for the correct answers below.



1. How many kids voted for puzzles?

5

3

11

2. How many kids voted for computers?

4

6

5

3. Which activity did the most kids vote for?

computers

puzzles

art

4. How many more kids voted for computers than puzzles?

2

5

3



How many kids voted in all? \_\_\_\_\_