***Constitution USA: Built To Last*** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*In this episode we explore the separation of powers in the federal government and how we are represented in our country today. Does our Constitution stand up to the 21st Century? Have we lost the art of democratic deliberation? How are you represented – and does your voice get heard?*

1. **Before we watch this episode answer the following questions**: Was our Constitution built to last for over 225 years and is it up to the challenges of the 21st century? Overall, how do you think our Constitution is holding up (answer this question with 2-3 sentences)?
2. The Founding Fathers knew that as our country grew, it would change, so instead of creating steadfast rules, they created a framework to follow which we call the United States Constitution. What was the key attribute that they knew it had to have? Why?
3. What other amendment, besides the 19th, was proposed to protect women’s rights? Where is it in the process now?
4. What happened in the Watergate scandal?
5. Congress set up an investigation on the president, but who ordered Richard Nixon to turn over the full transcripts of his secret taping system?
6. What do you think would have happened if Nixon didn’t follow those orders?
7. What are the steps of understanding the law, as described by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor? She spells out three basic steps:
   1. To Be:
   2. To Read:
   3. To Follow:
8. Give at least two examples in which some people think a President upset the balance between freedom and safety when our country is at war.
9. Why would the government suspect a young student of being a terrorist? Do you feel what happened to Adama Bah was fair? Were her rights protected?
10. In times of war, the executive branch has sometimes been accused of going too far and upsetting the balance between civil liberties and national security. Do you think that this is okay in wartime? Why or why not?
11. Our government is polarized and people believe that it is no longer working. Do you agree? Why or why not?
12. How does the political party system function within the setup of Congress?
13. How does gerrymandering diminish democracy?
14. How can the system be corrupted because of money? Is Congress dependent upon the people or upon someone else? **Explain your answer!**
15. Why has the Constitution endured? People keep growing and deepening the meaning in which ways?
16. The Constitution is the story of then to now. How do we make it a more perfect union? What do we need to add or remove? **Explain!**
17. So is our Constitution built to last? Let’s ask this question again…How is our Constitution holding up? **Explain!!**