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The Constitution was written in 1789 “In order to form a more perfect union.” James Madison, the Founder of our Constitution, believed this was true. The impact this document has made on everyone’s daily life in the United States is astounding. From the Bill of Rights to describing the structure of our government, the Constitution is an influential part of our daily lives.

One way the Constitution affects our daily life is through expressing how our government should work. It established the 3 branches of government, or checks and balances. The legislative, executive, and judicial branches ensure that our government is fair and just. How does this impact our lives, you might ask? Imagine a place where you have no control over your life. The government describes what and how you do things based on someone else’s opinion. This is what would happen, without the amazing document we call our Constitution.

An additional way our lifestyle is affected by the Constitution is through the rights it lists. The basic rights listed in the Constitution are as follows: freedoms of speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition. These rights, along with many others, confirm that all people in the US have simple human rights. The ninth amendment states that all the rights *not* listed in the Constitution are property of the people. These rights include the freedoms to get married, have kids/raise a family, and privacy.

Now, you might be wondering- how does this affect *my* daily life?? Well, I’ll tell you. The equal protection clause of the 14th amendment provides education without discrimination. When you go to school, that’s a right from the Constitution. Do you have an opinion about politics, sports, or essentially anything in general? That’s the freedom of speech from the Constitution. Do you host/go to parties, meet with friends, or do just

about anything that involves a gathering/group of people?? That's the freedom of assembly from the Constitution. These are just a few of the rights that people utilize daily.

Overall, the Constitution affects our daily lives through most things we do. I am so thankful for this remarkable document, so appreciative that I have the ability to play whatever sports I want. To dress however I want. I know other countries' citizens don't have those rights, so I'm incredibly grateful that our Constitution protects those freedoms. I can't imagine life any other way!