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Featuring **113 primary source documents**, *The U.S. Constitution: A Reader* was developed for teaching the core course on the U.S. Constitution at **Hillsdale College**.

Divided into **eleven sections** with introductions by members of Hillsdale's Politics Department faculty, readings cover:

- the principles of the American founding;
- the framing and structure of the Constitution;
- the secession crisis and the Civil War;

- the Progressive rejection of the Constitution; and
- the building of the administrative state based on Progressive principles.

America's Founders created a form of government which had, in the words of James Madison, "**no model on the face of the earth.**" Its moral foundation is in the Declaration of Independence and its principle of equal natural rights. Under the Constitution, **government was to be limited to protecting those rights.**

In recent decades, the way our government operates has departed from the Constitution. **Government has become less limited, and our liberties less secure.** At the same time, true civic education in America--education in the Constitution--has largely died out. We at Hillsdale College see it as one of our highest duties to reverse this.

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