

# Hidden Gems of the Constitution

*A treasure-hunt game that teaches the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and how religious freedom enabled the Restoration — from the Founding to forever families.*

**Play it free in any web browser:** [gems-of-the-constitution.netlify.app](https://gems-of-the-constitution.netlify.app)

No app to install. Works on a phone, tablet, or computer. 1–4 players take turns together.

## Why this lesson, right now

In 2026 the United States marks its **250th anniversary** (July 4, 2026). The First Presidency invited members to teach “the significance of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and related events that enabled the Restoration of the Church,” and to **fast and give thanks for religious liberty on July 5, 2026**. This game is one simple, kid-friendly way to give that lesson at home.

Built by Reif Tauati for his own family's FHE. Quotes are drawn from scripture and from talks by President Russell M. Nelson and President Dallin H. Oaks (sourced on each card in-game).

## The big idea (the whole lesson in one line)

**God gave us rights → the Constitution protected them → we got religious freedom → the Church was restored → we built temples → families are sealed together forever.**

## The three quests



### Quest 1 — The Founding Treasure

“What happened?”

8 gems hidden in the Declaration, Constitution & Bill of Rights. Rights come from God; the people govern; the First Amendment protects worship.



### Quest 2 — The Restoration Key

“Why did God care?”

8 scripture scrolls (D&C 101, 98; Mosiah 29; Alma 46; JS-History). Liberty protects agency, conscience, and the gathering.



### Quest 3 — The Covenant Crown

“What is freedom FOR?”

Living prophets teach the answer: covenants, families, temples, and Zion.

## How to run it during FHE (about 20–30 min)

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1. **Open it together.** Pull up the link on a tablet or cast it to the TV. Everyone picks a name and an avatar (each avatar is an LDS symbol — the beehive, the dove, the temple).
2. **Take turns.** The game automatically passes the turn after each gem. On your turn, tap a gold underlined phrase, read the short explanation aloud, then tap the right answer (no spelling needed).
3. **Talk about the “Why it matters.”** Each card has a small chain: Doctrine → Why it matters → Restoration → Temple. Pause and ask your kids, “Why does this matter to us?”
4. **Unlock the next quest.** Finish all the gems and a “Quest Complete” screen appears — tap to go deeper into the scrolls, then the crown.
5. **End with the finale.** The last screen ties it all to temples and families forever, with the America 250 invitation to give thanks for religious liberty.

## Talking points by quest

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### Quest 1 — The Founding (the documents)

- **Rights come from God**, not the government. (“endowed by their Creator...” — Declaration of Independence)
- **The people govern**, not a king. (“We the People...”)
- **Even the President** must promise to defend the Constitution — no one is above the law.
- **The First Amendment** protects the free exercise of religion — the rule that made the Restoration possible.

“And for this purpose have I established the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose.” — D&C 101:80

### Quest 2 — The Restoration (the scriptures)

- **Liberty protects agency.** The Lord said the Constitution was established “that every man may act... according to the moral agency which I have given unto him.” (D&C 101:78)
- **It belongs to all mankind**, not only America. (D&C 98:5)
- **Government by the voice of the people.** King Mosiah ended kings and set up judges. (Mosiah 29)
- **The Title of Liberty.** Captain Moroni rallied his people to defend “our God, our religion, and freedom... our wives, and our children.” (Alma 46:12)

### Quest 3 — The Covenant (living prophets)

- **Religious freedom is essential to God's plan.** “The free exercise of religion is... essential to God's plan of salvation.” — President Dallin H. Oaks
- **Families are forever.** “Because of the restoration of the priesthood, you and I can be sealed to our loved ones for all eternity!” — President Russell M. Nelson
- **Freedom is for keeping covenants** — not doing whatever we want.

## A word of balance (for the teacher)

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Keep the doctrine grounded. The faithful claim is not that every Founder was a prophet, or that America is identical with Zion. Better: “*The Lord used wise men to establish constitutional principles that protect moral agency — and those principles belong to all mankind.*” The point of the game is gratitude for God's hand in protecting the freedom in which His work could go forward.

## Helpful tips

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<b>Little kids</b>	Answers are tap-to-choose pictures — no reading or typing required. Wrong taps gently teach the right principle instead of just buzzing.
<b>Tap the pictures</b>	Each card's image opens full-screen when tapped — the actual signing of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Statue of Liberty.
<b>Share it</b>	The “Share” buttons make a pretty quote card you can text to family or post — and it links back to the game.
<b>Play again</b>	Replay anytime; it's a great review the week of July 4th or for a primary or seminary class.

## Jump straight to a quest (for teachers)

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Short on time, or want to review just one part? Add one of these to the end of the web address and the game starts there — no need to replay earlier quests:

<b>gems-of-the-constitution.netlify.app#level2</b>	Start at Quest 2 — The Restoration Key (the scripture scrolls)
<b>gems-of-the-constitution.netlify.app#level3</b>	Start at Quest 3 — The Covenant Crown (living prophets)
<b>gems-of-the-constitution.netlify.app#finale</b>	Jump to the finale (the closing testimony & America 250)

Tip: after the page loads, pick your players and tap “Start the Quest” — it will open right to that quest.

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*“We claim the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege.” — Articles of Faith 1:11*