Important Facts

The Constitution was written and signed in 1787, but it was created in secrecy.

The original lacked descriptions of individual rights.

The first 10 amendments became known as the Bill of Rights in 1791.

The first national Thanksgiving Day was created by George Washington on Nov 26, 1789. It was his way to give thanks to the Constitution.

The Constitution is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced to Congress. Thirty-three have gone to Senate to be ratified, and twenty-seven have received the necessary approval to actually become amendments to the Constitution.