



# THE CONSTITUTION AND YOU

PRIMARY DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

**High School Edition** 

### **Instructions**

This exercise will familiarize students with the United States Constitution through analysis of relevant primary sources from the National Archives Catalog. Review and discuss this collection of primary documents using the following steps:

- 1. Meet the document.
- 2. Observe its parts.
- 3. Try to make sense of it.
- 4. Use it as historical evidence.

Students may also be asked to complete <u>Document Analysis</u> <u>Worksheets</u> provided by the National Archives and Records Administration for each primary document.

For each document, answer these three questions:

- 1. Provide document description or title if known.
- 2. What is the Constitutional context (Identify Article/Amendment, when it became law and what event(s) prompted its creation)?
- 3. Is it effective? Why or why not?



### **Document Description**

**Constitutional Context** 

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#### United States Patent [19]

Jackson et al.

[11] Patent Number:

5,255,452 Oct. 26, 1993

Date of Patent:

| [54] | METHOD AND MEANS FOR CREATING |
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|      | ANTI-GRAVITY ILLUSION         |

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[73] Assignee: Triumph International, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

[21] Appl. No.: 905,479

Jun. 29, 1992 [22] Filed:

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| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |           |        |        | OCCIVILIVIS |      |
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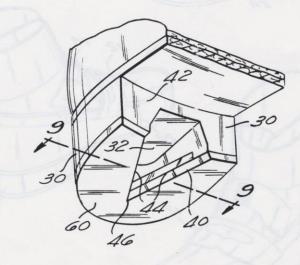
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A system for allowing a shoe wearer to lean forwardly beyond his center of gravity by virtue of wearing a specially designed pair of shoes which will engage with a hitch member movably projectable through a stage surface. The shoes have a specially designed heel slot which can be detachably engaged with the hitch member by simply sliding the shoe wearer's foot forward, thereby engaging with the hitch member.

13 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets



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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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OF SAVAGE TREATMENT BY LEGALIZED HATCHET MEN COULD LEAD TO OPEN

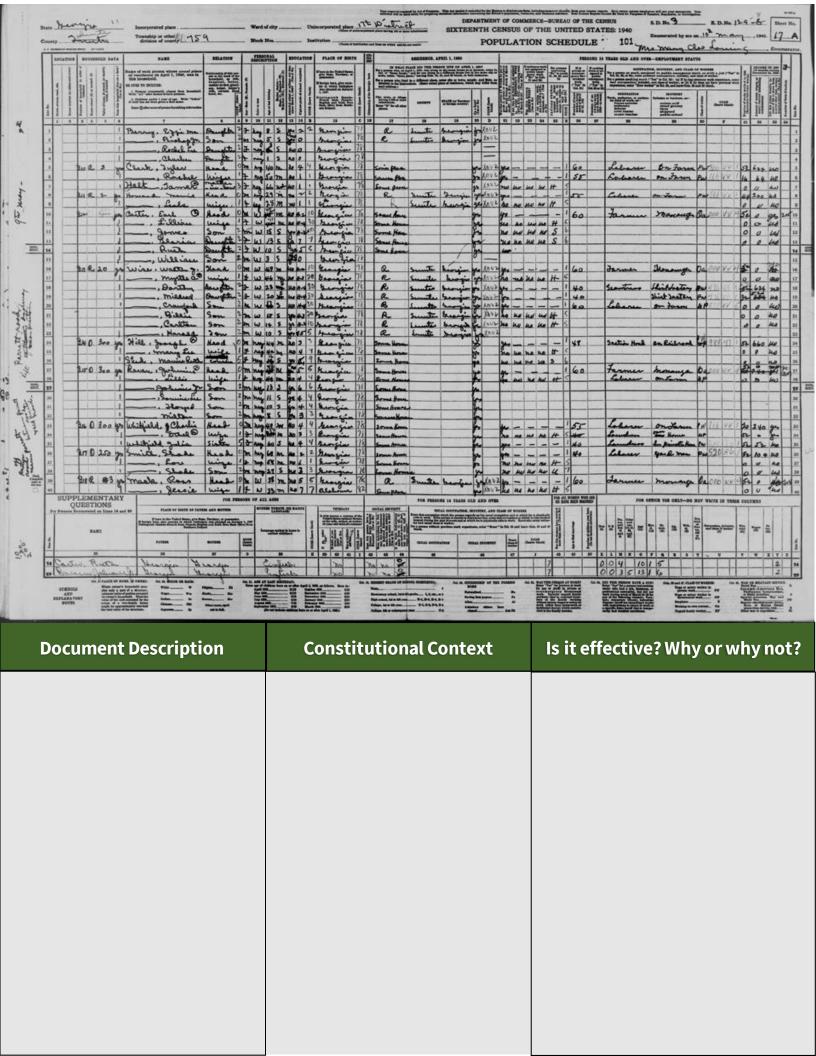
WARFARE BY AROUSED NEGROES AMERICA CANNOT AFFORD THIS IN 1965

JACKIE ROBINSON.

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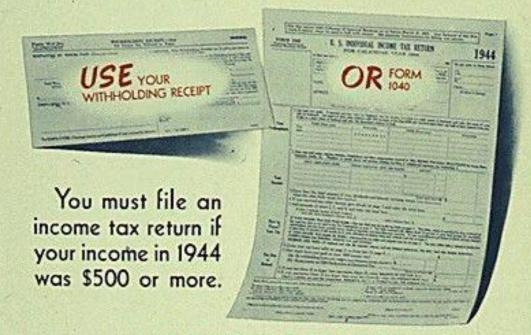
# YOU

ARE ONE OF 50,000,000

AMERICANS WHO MUST FILL OUT

AN INCOME TAX RETURN BY

MARCH 15<sup>11</sup>



# FILE YOURS EARLY

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

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# **Instructor Notes & References**

| Document   | Citation/Archives.gov<br>Identifier   | Constitutional Context<br>(https://www.archives.gov/founding-<br>docs/constitution-transcript)                               | Is it Effective?   |
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| Patent for Anti-Gravity<br>Shoes (filed by Michael<br>Jackson) | United States Patent 5,255,452, Method and Means for Creating Anti-Gravity Illusion; 10/26/1993; 5255452 - Method and Means for Creating Anti-Gravity Illusion - Michael Jackson; Selected Patent Files, 1840 - 2005; Records of the Patent and Trademark Office, Record Group 241; National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD  NARA Identifier: 5742939 | Article I, section 8, clause 8 Article I, section 8, clause 3  | Promotes science, arts & humanities, entrepreneurship, innovation  How would our economy and/or culture change without this protection?  Adequate on its own to protect patents in the digital age?  To learn more about current patent/trademark laws and enforcement, see: <a href="https://www.uspto.gov/about-us">https://www.uspto.gov/about-us</a> |
| Telegram from Jackie<br>Robinson to President<br>Johnson       | Telegram from Jackie Robinson to<br>the President; 3/9/1965; HU 2/ST 1:<br>Equality of the Races/Alabama;<br>White House Subject Files on<br>Human Rights, 11/22/1963 -<br>1/20/1969; Collection LBJ-WHCF:  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment (Proposed September 25, 1789; ratified December 15, 1791) 15 <sup>th</sup> Amendment, sections 1-2 | Freedom of speech, to assemble peacefully; any parallels with current events?  Your right to vote will not be denied on the basis of race; do problems   |

|                                    | White House Central Files (Johnson Administration); Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, Austin, TX  Available online at: <a href="https://www.docsteach.org/documents/document/jackie-robinson-lbj">https://www.docsteach.org/documents/document/jackie-robinson-lbj</a>  |                                | exist regarding access to voting upon securing right to vote?  Language was open to interpretation; led to Jim Crow laws (literacy tests, poll tax); created demand for Voting Rights Act of 1965  To learn more about the Voting Rights Act of 1965, visit: https://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/voting-rights-1965                      |
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| Jimmy Carter in the 1940<br>Census | 1940 U.S. Census, Americus Township, Georgia, population schedule, enumeration district 129-8, sheet 17-A, household 10, Earl Carter; accessed via "Presidents in the US Census Records," images, National Archives and Records Administration (https://archives.gov: 4 June 2020), Presidents in the US Census Records > Jimmy Carter > 1940  Available online at: https://www.archives.gov/researc h/census/presidents/carter.html | Article I, section 2, clause 3 | Congressional representation determined by population  What does census provide besides population numbers?  How is it currently carried out?  What impediments might exist to accuracy or inclusion? What are the ramifications for the country if they do?  To learn more about the U.S. Census Bureau, visit: https://www.census.gov/about.html |

| Demonstration for<br>Immigrant Rights  | Photograph 207-DP- 10075_DSC_6744; Demonstration by Hispanics [and other groups] on behalf of immigrant rights, Houston, Texas; 4/11/2006; Demonstration by Hispanics [and other groups] on behalf of immigrant rights, Houston, Texas; Photographs Documenting the Secretary's Headquarters and Field Activities, and Agency Officials and Events, 2001 - 2008; General Records of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Record Group 207; National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD  NARA Identifier: 24076502 | Article 1, section 8, clause 4  Article II, section 1, clause 5  1st Amendment (Proposed September 25, 1789; ratified December 15, 1791)  14th Amendment (Proposed June 13, 1866; ratified July 9, 1868)                                    | Only "natural-born" citizen eligible to be President; status quo justifiable/still relevant, or should there be an amendment?  For deeper discussion on evolution of U.S. Citizenship, see: https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/interpretation/amendment-xiv/clauses/700   |
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| You Are One of 50,000,000<br>Americans Who Must Fill<br>Out a Tax Return by March<br>15. File Yours Early. | YOU ARE ONE OF 50,000,000 AMERICANS WHO MUST FILL OUT AN INCOME TAX RETURN BY MARCH 15. FILE YOURS EARLY.; 1941 - 1945; Records of the Office of Government Reports, Record Group 44.  NARA Identifier: 516201  | 16 <sup>th</sup> Amendment (Proposed July 12, 1909; ratified February 25, 1913); first national income tax was a temporary measure during Civil War; made permanent by 16 <sup>th</sup> Amendment  See also: Article I, section 2, clause 3 | What does income tax provide (e.g. national defense, infrastructure)  Most Federal revenue previously from tariffs; would that work today?  How would your life be affected if this amendment was repealed?  To learn more about current federal tax enforcement, visit: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/about-irs">https://www.irs.gov/about-irs</a> |

## **Additional Notes**