

## A Citizenship Handbook: The Constitution (pp. 216-222)

**Section Outline:** Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- Goals of the Constitution
  - To Form a More Perfect Union
  - To Establish Justice
  - To Insure Domestic Tranquility
  - To Provide for the Common Defense
  - To Promote the General Welfare
  - To Secure the Blessings of Liberty
- Major Principles
  - Popular Sovereignty
  - Republicanism
  - Limited Government
  - Federalism
  - Separation of Powers
  - Checks and Balances
  - Individual Rights
- A Living Constitution
  - Amending the Constitution
  - Interpreting the Constitution
  - Powers of the Presidency
  - The Courts