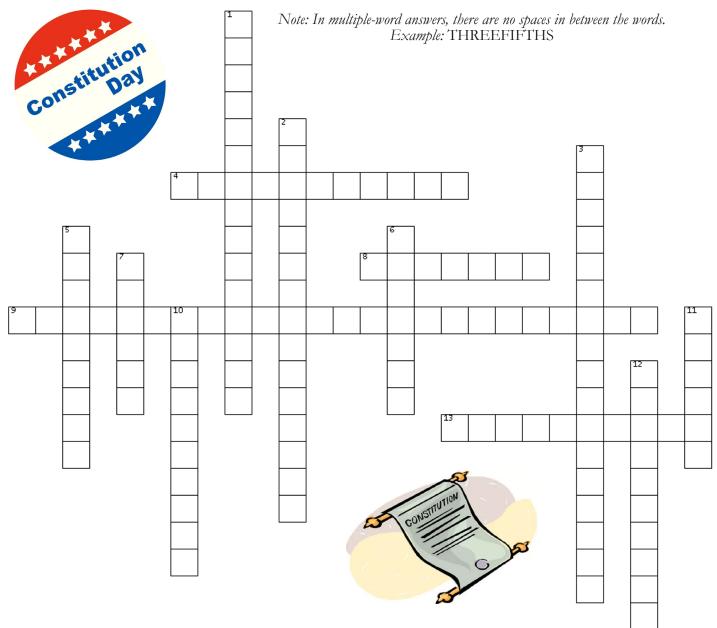
## Constitution Day - Let's Build a More Perfect Union

Constitution Day (September 17) challenges us to continue reshaping our nation's blueprint for true equality and justice, fighting to eradicate systemic racism.



## ACROSS

4. The clause in the original Constitution counting enslaved individuals as three-fifths of a person for representation and taxation purposes.

8. A federal law that prohibits discrimination based on sex in education, related to constitutional equality.
9. The 1787 meeting where the U.S. Constitution was written, laying the foundation for American laws.
13. Legal principle ensuring fair treatment through the judicial system, safeguarded by the Constitution.

## DOWN

 A clause within the Fourteenth Amendment that mandates all citizens be treated equally under the law.
 First Amendment right often invoked during civil rights protests and advocacy.  A former enslaved person who became a leading abolitionist, writer, and speaker for racial equality.
 - Civil rights leader and U.S. Congressman who fought

for voting rights and constitutional equality.

6. The series of laws enforcing racial segregation in the Southern United States until the mid-20th century.7. The process of formally approving amendments to the Constitution.

10. This amendment abolished slavery in the United States.11. A 1896 Supreme Court case that upheld racial segregation under the doctrine of "separate but equal."12. The 2015 Supreme Court case that legalized same-sex marriage, an example of expanding constitutional rights.

