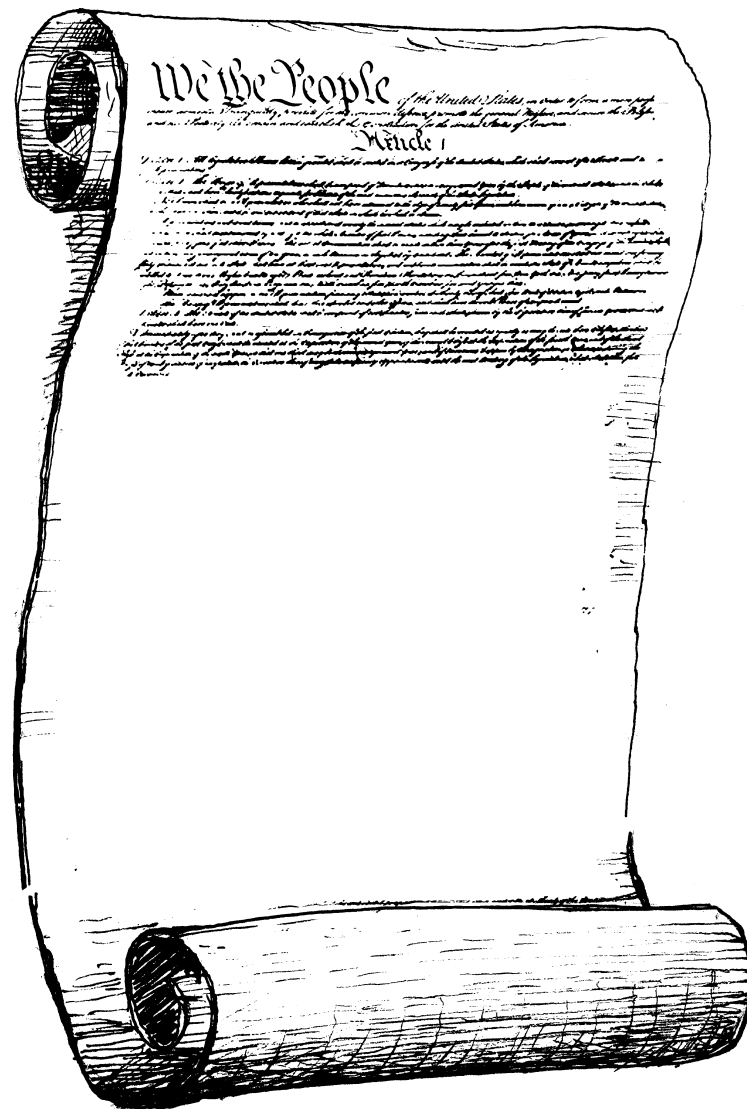
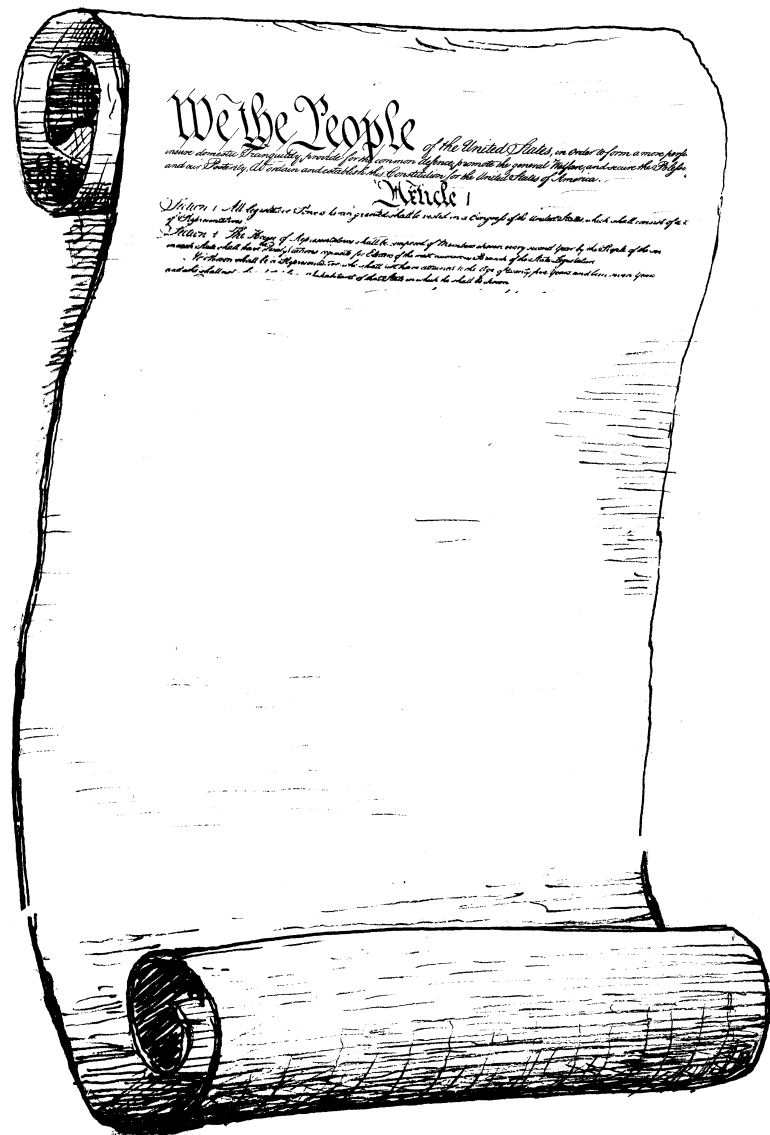


Independence Hall
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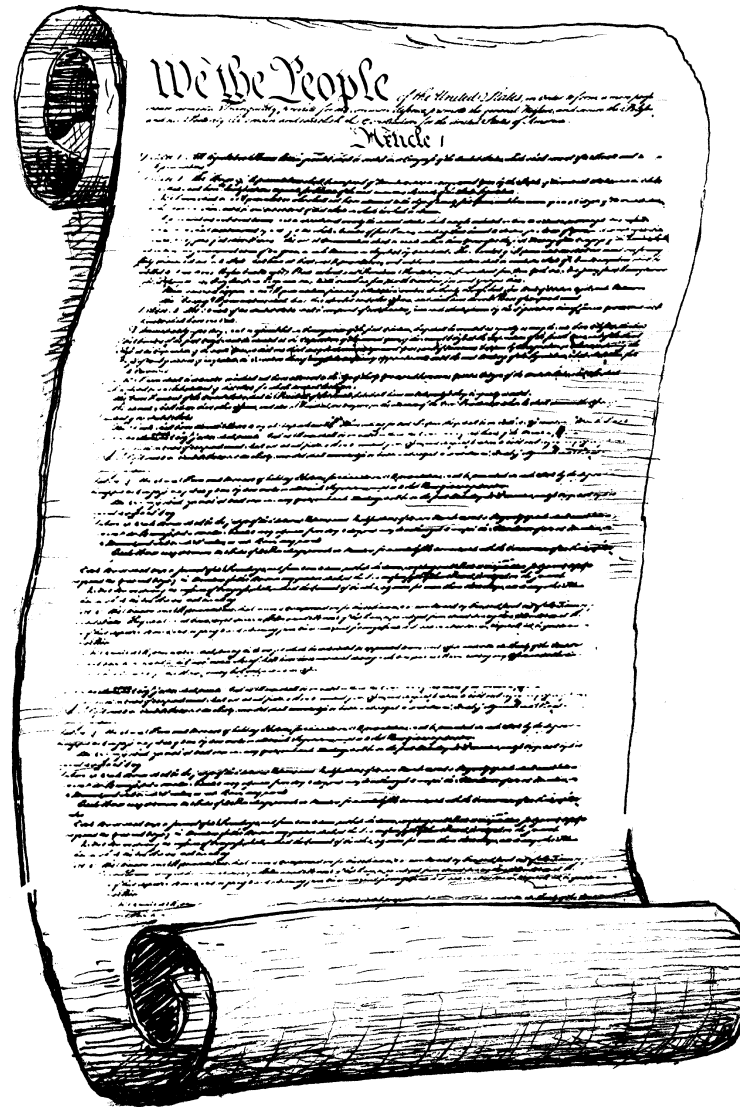


**When the founders
of the country
wrote the
Constitution, they
gathered at
Independence Hall,
in Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.**



The delegate s argued and argued over what to put in the Constitution. What would you write in there?

In the Constitution, our founders wrote down all the rules they wanted citizens to agree on. It is what we all have in common. Founders wrote the rules by hand, on old timey brown paper.

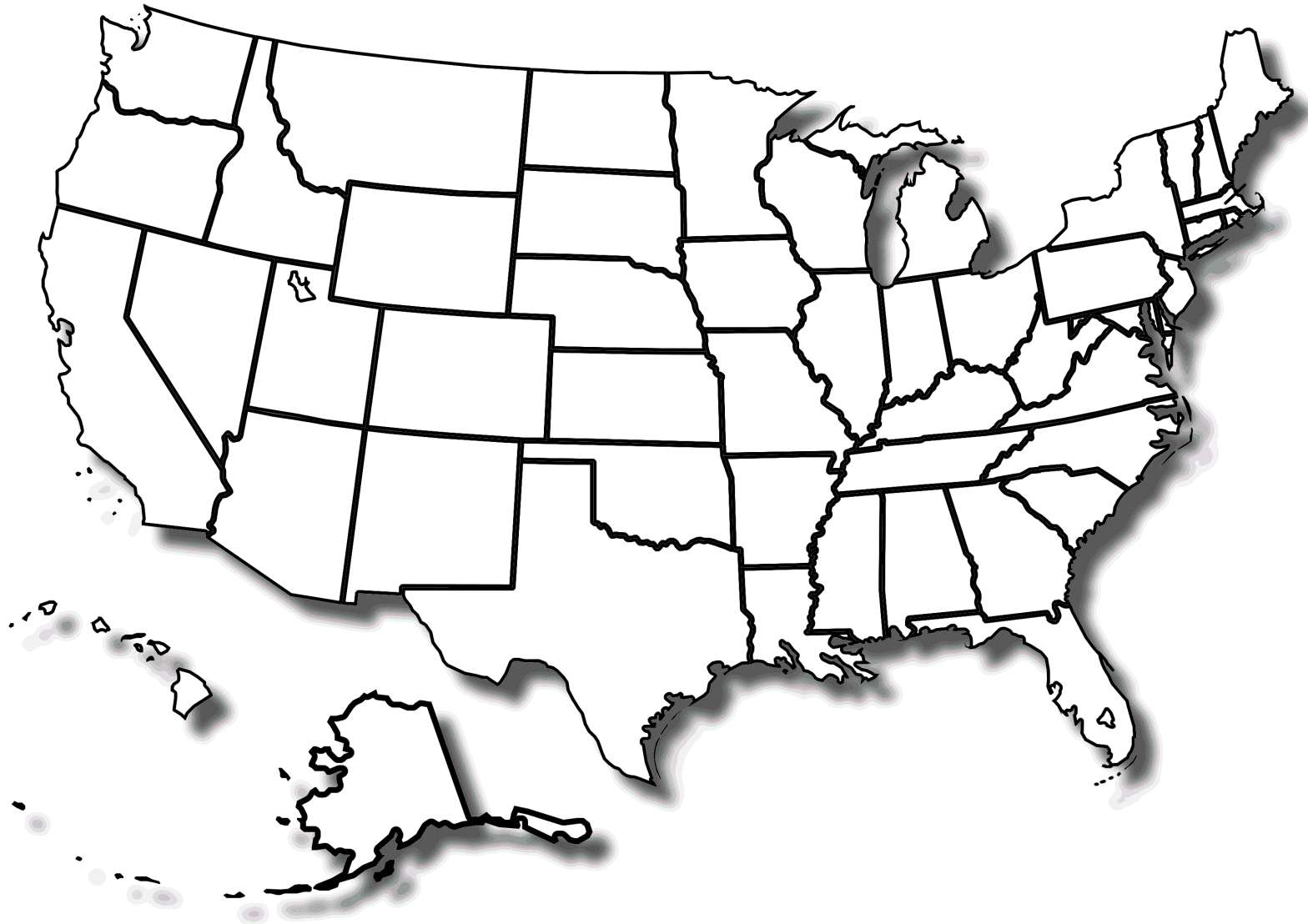




Like the roots of a tree, the Constitution holds the nation steady and keeps us together, whatever branch of the tree we want to sit on.

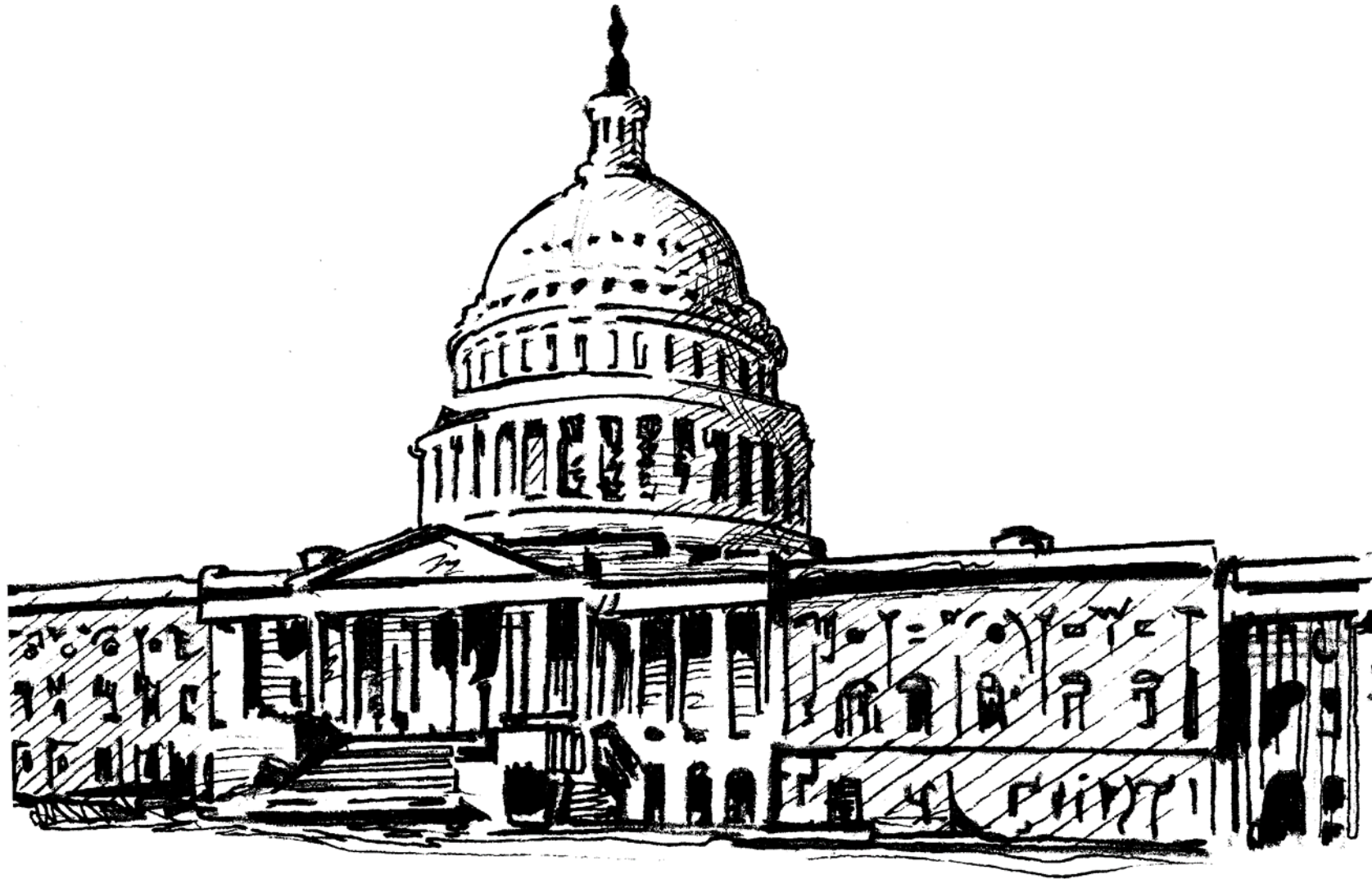
Delegates signed their names with “quills,” a feather dipped in ink. What color would your quill be?



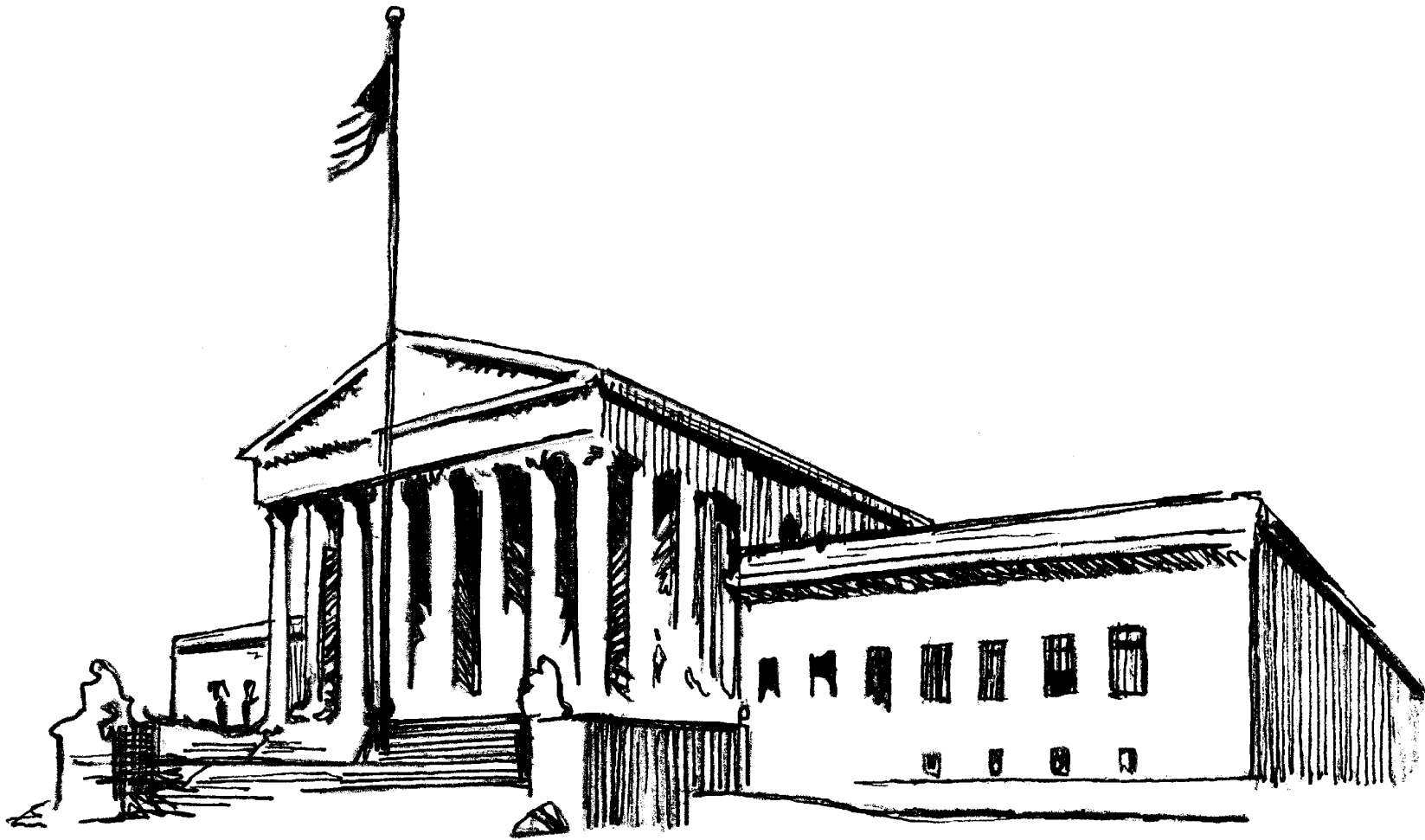


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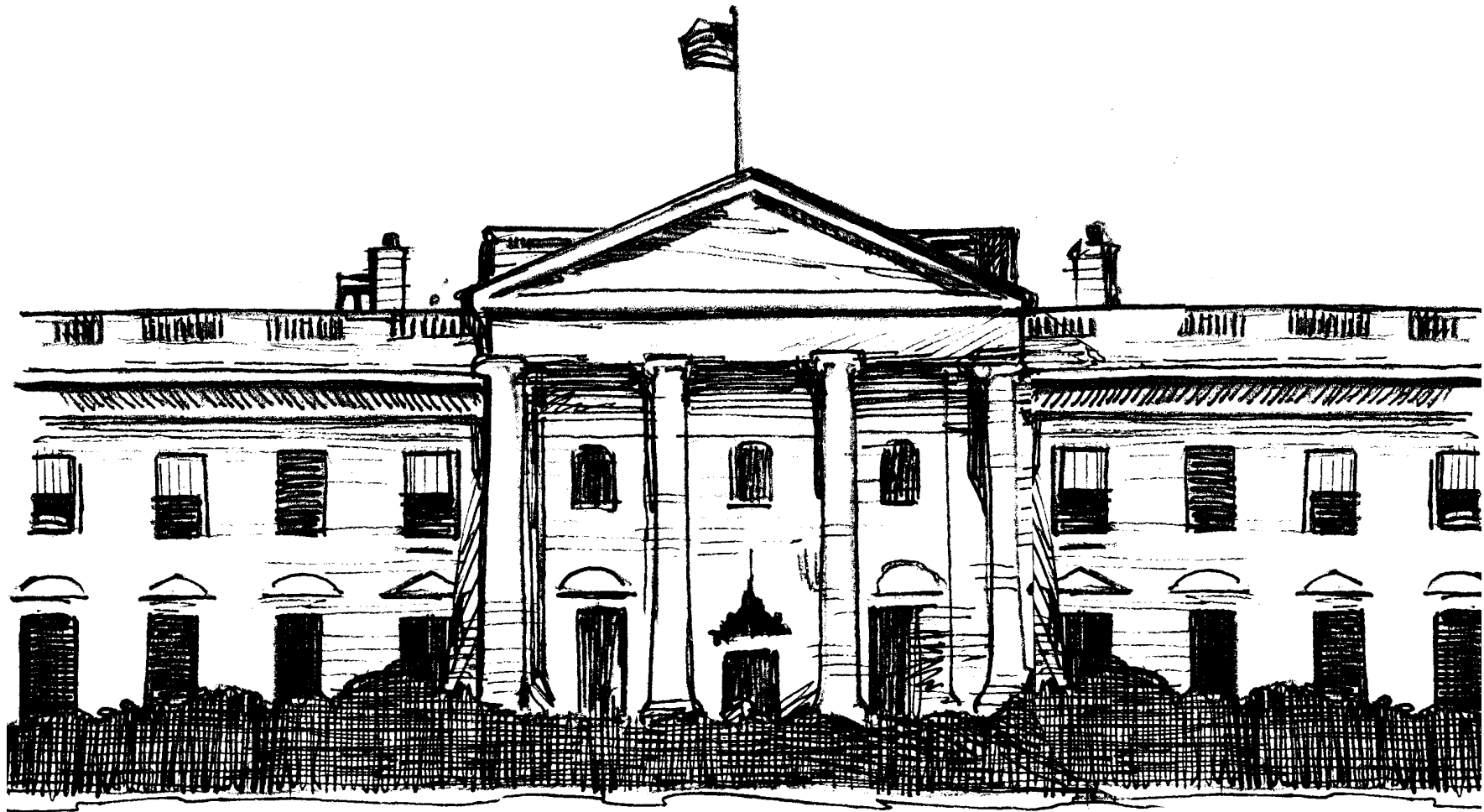
**A map of all the states in the United States of America. Where do you live?
What other states have you lived in? Make them a special color.**



The United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. This is where Congress makes laws.

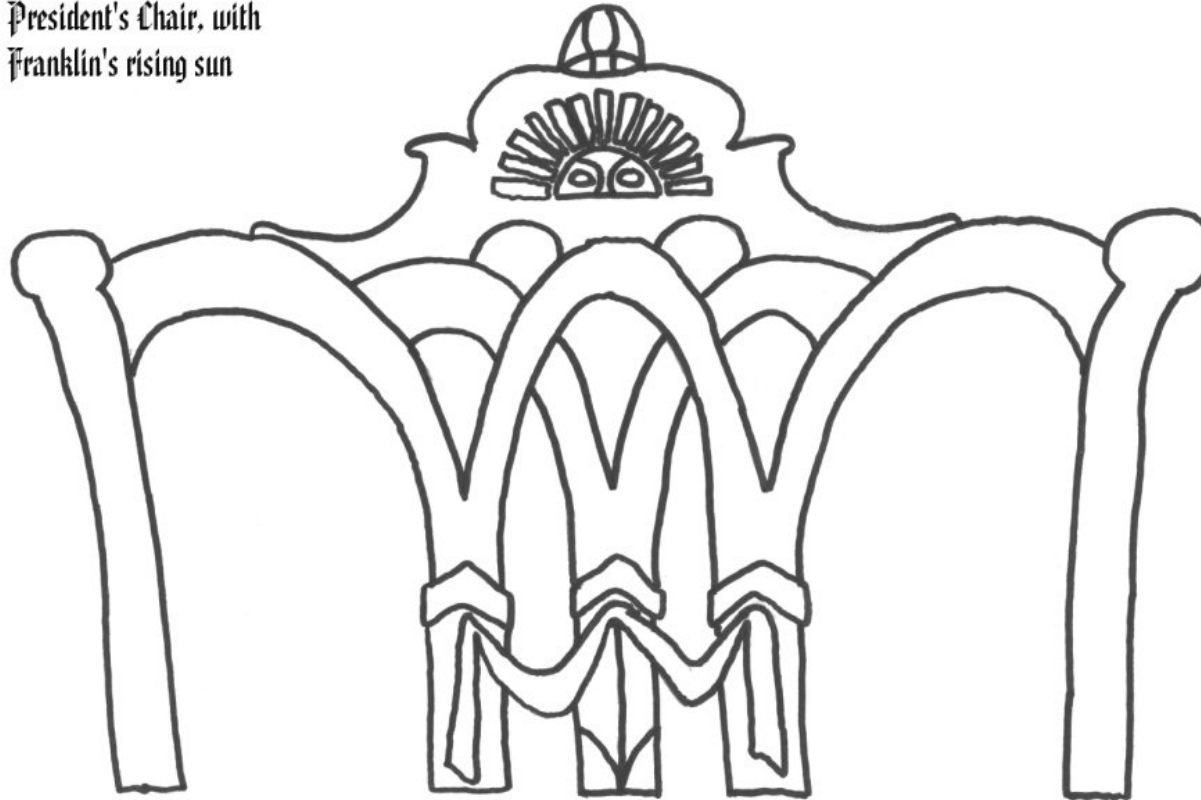


The United States Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. This is where the Supreme Court makes final decisions about laws being constitutional.



The White House – the home and the office of the President of the United States – in Washington, D.C. The president is the one person who is in charge of the country.

Design on the back of the
President's Chair, with
Franklin's rising sun



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In Independence Hall, the delegates bickered and one of them pointed out a design on the back of Ben Franklin's chair. It was half of a sun. Was it rising?, they wondered. Or was it setting on their new republic? They decided it was rising, and found agreement in the Constitution.

We the People

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The first three words of the Constitution lay out the shared journey of everybody in the country. Everybody.

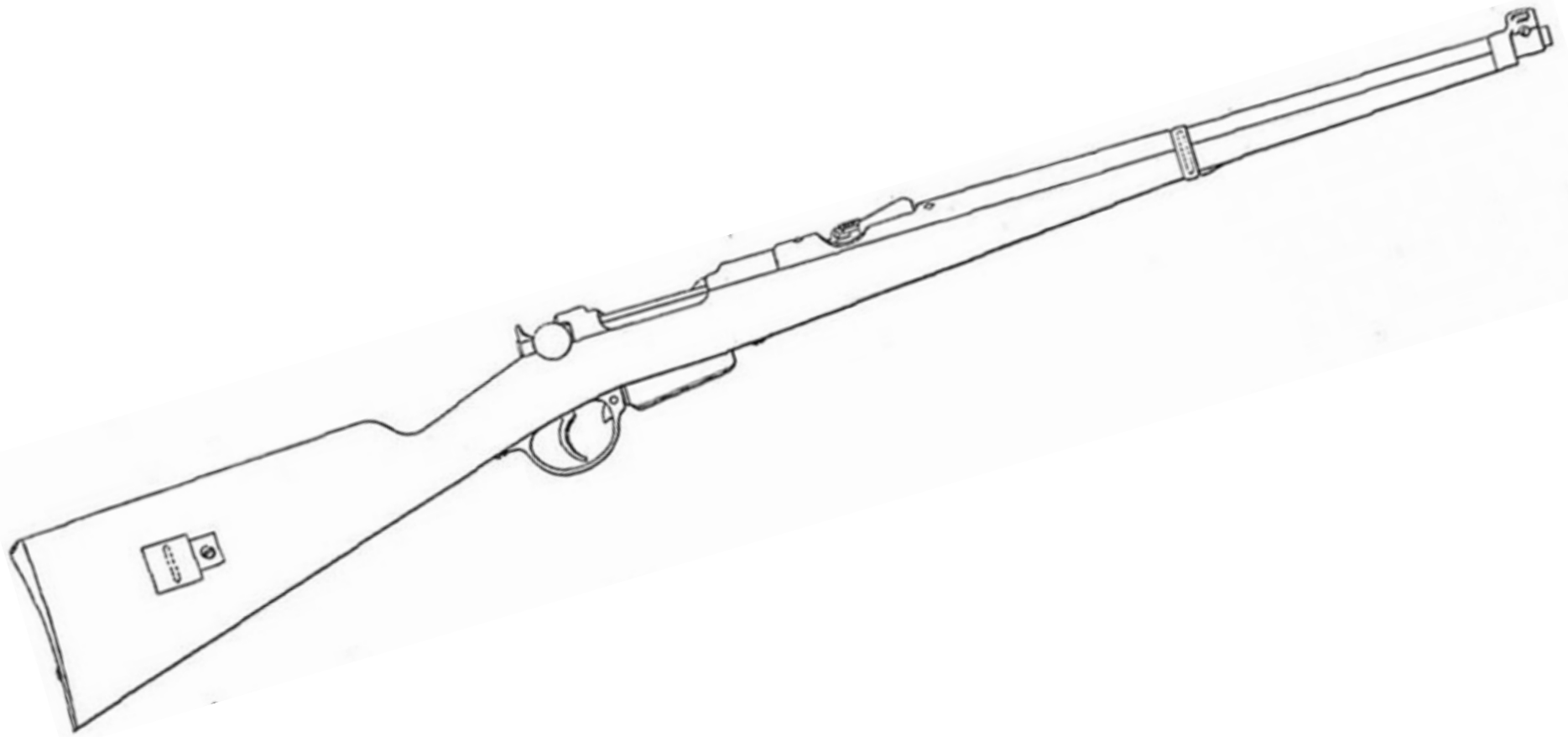
Called the “scales of justice,” this shows the equality between people and a balance of government and individual rights.





In courts, and
in Congress,
people
indicate a
formal ruling
by banging a
big hammer,
called a gavel.

When the Second Amendment was passed (for gun rights to militias) the guns were “muskets” and could only fire one shot at a time. Reloading meant adding gunpowder to the flint, and stuffing a little ball down into the gun barrel.



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**Sometimes
people wear
funny red,
white and
blue hats to
celebrate the
country's
birthday.**

