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内容概要

本书不但向读者介绍美国的社会文化知识，而且将传授知识与英语语言学习有机结合起来，将提高学生获取信息的能力与分析判断能力紧密结合起来，力求创出特色。

本书分别从政治、教育、宗教、西部、娱乐、节日和礼节等美国典型的方面编写，共9个单元，每个单元有4到6篇文章，内容翔实，深入浅出。

文章后配有生词解释，便于读者阅读；背景介绍是对文章内容的简单介绍；注释部分是对课文知识的扩充，使读者对文章有更加深入全面的理解；最后是针对文章内容供读者思考的问题，给读者以思考的空间，通过思考题增强对知识点的理解，巩固文章内容。

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In the world , every country has its own constitutional law , nomatter what it is , written or unwritten. GeneraliZe speaking , in acountrys legal system , its constitutional law is the fundamental law , which has supreme legal authority and , in legal form , defines thebasic system and basic tasks of the country. Here is about the Constitution which is the fundamental law of the U. S. federal system ofgovernment and a landmark document of the Western world. It is theoldest written national constitution in operation , completed in 1787 atthe Constitutional Convention1 of 55 delegates who met in Philaflelphia2 , ostensibly to amend the Articles of Confederation. The Constitution was ratified in June 1788 , but because , ratification in manystates was contingent on the promised addition of a Bill of Rights , Congress4 proposed 12 amendments in September 1789; 10 were ratified by the states , and their adoption was certified on Dec. 15 , 1791.The framers were especially concerned with limitiag the power of thegovernment and securing the liberty of citizens. The Constitutionsseparation of the legislative , executive and judicial branches of government , the checks and balances of each branch against the other , and the explicit guarantees of individual liberty were all designed tostrike a balance between authority and liberty.

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