

With Constitution and Citizenship Day approaching on September 16th it's a good time to consider Illinois' new law requiring future Illinois high school students complete a stand-alone, semester-long civics course. I've been looking for ways to both comply and enrich the student experience in learning about our country. Among the best I've found is a book designed to provide crucial information about our Founding Documents in a style suited for the world of blog posts and tweets our students live in: [Constitutional Sound Bites](#).

Written by former Cook County Assistant State's Attorney David J. Shestokas, *Constitutional Sound Bites* delivers solid understanding of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights in a question and answer format that will enhance any teacher's presentation or inform any family's discussion.

Also, in collaboration with Dr. Berta Arias, past president of the Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education, Shestokas has produced [Cápsulas Informativas Constitucionales](#), the first book in the Spanish language devoted to the Founding Documents.

For more on *Constitutional Sound Bites* and *Cápsulas Informativas Constitucionales*, please visit [Constitutional Sound Bites: Information for Educators](#).

If you have interest in Mr. Shestokas' availability to speak about the Constitution for classes and assemblies [you may contact him here](#).