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| **Across**  **4.** The first ten amendments of the U.S. Constitution, containing a list of individual rights and liberties, such as freedom of speech, religion, and the press. The picture above shows a plaque with the 10 Amendments making up the Bill of Rights.  **9.** Constitutional declaration (Article VI) that the Constitution and laws made under its provisions are the greatest law of the land.  **11.** System of overlapping the powers of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches to permit each branch to check the actions of the others.  **13.** A statement in a constitution that summarizes the document, it purpose and that sets forward the goals and purposes of government.  **14.** A group of 13 advisors to the president.  **15.** The highest federal court in the United States. This picture shows the building they meet in in Washington, D.C.  **16.** The branch of government, headed by the president, that carries out the nation's laws and policies.  **17.** Dividing the powers of government among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. | **Down**  **1.** The division of the federal government that is made up of the national courts; interprets laws, punishes criminals, and settles disputes between states  **2.** To do away with.  **3.** meeting of delegates in 1787 to revise the Articles of Confederation, which produced the new U.S. Constitution. However, in the beginning, they'd been told to revise the Articles of Confederation  **5.** A two-house legislature; for example, the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress (Legislative Branch) of the United States Federal government.  **6.** Clause in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution that gives Congress the right to make all laws "necessary and proper" to carry out the powers expressed in the other clauses of Article I.  **7.**  failed 18th Amendment making alcoholic beverages illegal starting in 1920. The Amendment was finally repealed in 1933.  **8.** Branch of the government responsible for making and passing laws; consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate.  **10.** A change to the Constitution.  **12.** The right to vote. The picture above shows a memorial commemorating this. |