

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME

FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE
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Heidi Schreck.

(Heidi joins the Legionnaire center stage. They shake hands.)

Please approach the podium.

(She walks to the podium.)

Your time begins . . . now.

(The Legionnaire starts the stopwatch.)

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HEIDI

The Constitution is a living document. That is what is so beautiful about it. It is a living, warm-blooded, steamy document. It is *not* a patchwork quilt. It is hot and sweaty. It is a crucible. Do you know what a crucible is? It is a . . . pot in which you put many different ingredients and boil them together until they transform into something else. Something that is sometimes magic. So you see, our Constitution is like a witch's cauldron.

Of course, you all know so much more about the Constitution than I do because you have all fought in wars. Thank you. Thank you for fighting for our country, and also for giving me so much scholarship money. Looking at all of you reminds me of a fantasy I used to have as a little girl. About being attacked by a rapist or murderer. A rapist or murderer who is a man. Like all of you. In my fantasy, I am able to convince the murderer and rapist not to murder me because I make you see that—just like you—I am a human being.

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