

Module 6 - Citizenship and the Constitution

Essential Question

(1 paragraph with intro, conclusion, and supporting sentences)

Prompt

Historical Context

In this module you've learned about the debates that swirled around the creation and ratification of the Constitution. You've also learned about the features of the government created under the Constitution and the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens. Now it's your turn to demonstrate your understanding of the module content by writing an essay.

Task

Write a persuasive essay that answers this question:

Which ideas in the Constitution are most important for preserving freedom?

1. Your essay should specify where in the Constitution these ideas are expressed and provide relevant background information.
2. Cite evidence to support your position.
3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

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Discussion Questions

(5 paragraph Essay)

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Historical Context

The Constitution established a federal system of government for the United States. Under this system, responsibilities are divided between the federal and state governments. In addition, the Constitution created three separate branches of the federal government to help prevent the abuse of power. The framers of the Constitution also designed it to be flexible enough to adapt to changes in society. This flexibility is achieved through the adoption of amendments. The first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, protect the basic rights of individuals.

Task

How does the Constitution promote the welfare of ordinary Americans? Write a speech in which you explain how the Constitution protects individuals and the nation as a whole.

Complete the following steps as you plan and compose your speech.

1. Review your notes and sources before you start writing.
2. Use at least three of the sources in Part 1, and develop the speech with relevant, well-chosen text evidence from the documents.
3. Cite specific text evidence from each of the sources in your response.
4. Plan your speech so that it includes an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
5. Organize your speech in a logical way, with clear transitions from section to section.
6. Use relevant visuals and technology to support the topic of your speech.

Write a conclusion that sums up your ideas and supports the information you present.