



Writing the Constitution 7-9 Syllabus

Course Goals

1 Writing Skills

Students become proficient writers through daily practice in improving sentence structure and creating organized paragraphs.

2 U.S. Constitution

Students understand why the Constitution was written, what powers it gives to the branches of government, and how its amendments influence our daily lives.

Course Topics

1 Paragraph Organization

Students understand the importance of a topic sentence and build organized paragraphs around this sentence.

2 Close Reading

Students read historical material and learn skills to improve comprehension such as note-taking.

3 Writing Process

Students undergo the writing process in their work as they revise essays with instructor feedback.

4 Branches of Government

Students learn the roles of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches along with the checks and balances each has.

5 Federalism

Students explore the relationship between individual states and the federal government as outlined in the Constitution.

6 Amendments

Students read and discuss each amendment to the Constitution, analyzing the impact they have on our lives today.

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