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Chapter 3: The Constitution Essay

Directions: Through the last few weeks we have read, discussed, and learned about the Constitution. To further your knowledge and mastery of the content, please select one of the below topics to research and write about. Feel free to use the below outline as a guide to your writing. However, you do not need to only limit yourself to the below outline. Be creative and don't be afraid to ask questions! Always use topic sentences to tell the reader what your paragraph is about and keep your essay organized. You should explain details and/or use examples for the reader to understand the message you are trying to portray. Good luck!

For your essay, you will propose the 28th Amendment to be included into our Constitution! Nice work...I always believed in you. In your essay, you must provide background on amendments and the Constitution to explain to the read how this process even works! Be creative and I will offer some ideas such as: 1) Change Voting Age, 2) Free Healthcare, 3) Free College, 4) Other (Anti-Guns, Pro-life Amendment, Pro-Choice Amendment, Child Labor (maybe 8 year olds love to work?), any other creative idea you can come up with!). Please think about these ideas and how you can justify them. You will need to explain why it is a good idea, how it will benefit the country, and how to sell your amendment to Congress. Be creative and you must get approval if you pick something different.

Introduction:

- *Topic Sentence (Introduce the Constitution and Amendments)*
- *Detail*
- *Example*
- *Thesis Statement (What your essay is about/your argument is about - Introduce your 28th Amendment proposal!)*

Background on the Constitution and Amendments (& the process of approval):

- *Topic Sentence*
- *Explain history of the Constitution and why it is important*
- *Explain how Amendments work, are proposed, and how they are ratified - and why they are important!*
- *Give some examples of Amendments*
- *Acknowledge how our society can use a new fresh 28th amendment and you have just the idea!*

28th Amendment!:

- *Topic Sentence*
- *Provide details and examples about your amendment*
- *Explain why it is important, how it will benefit our society, how it will work, and WHY congress must ratify it*

Reflection on your Amendment:

- *Topic sentence*
- *Explain how you came up with your idea, why, if it is realistic, and if it really would benefit society...provide evidence!*

Conclusion:

- *Restate Thesis Statement*
- *Detail*
- *Example*
- *Final thoughts concluding your paper*

Make sure to format correctly to Chicago style, use sources properly with footnotes, and include a bibliography as your last page