

Handout 4 - Essay Prompt and Rubric

How does the U.S. Constitution affect your life?

Cite at least three specific examples of how the U.S. Constitution directly affects or impacts your daily life. If you do not feel that it impacts your life at this moment, how will it impact your life in the near future?

Category	Unsatisfactory (1 point)	Satisfactory (3 points)	Proficient (5 points)
Intro	Contains a limited or undeveloped introduction or is not present.	Contains an intro that addresses the topic but does not make the main ideas clear or appealing to the reader.	Contains a well-developed intro is appealing to the reader and makes the topic clear.
Supporting Details	Lacks analysis and supporting information; deals with the topic in a superficial manner.	Supports the main idea with some analysis of the U.S. Constitution, but does not clearly connect those aspects to the writer's life in a meaningful way.	Supports the main idea with meaningful connections to the writer's life and give a thorough analysis of the U.S. Constitution.
Organization	Hard to follow; does not show clear order or thought.	Logical, but has jarring/abrupt transitions, order was not strong.	Clear logic and order; clearly connected; each idea and sentence flows with transitions; ending adds clarity and closure.
Mechanics	Contains noticeable grammatical and spelling errors that interfere with comprehension and readability.	Contains some grammatical and spelling errors, but they do not interfere with the comprehension of the essay.	Time and effort show; Contains only minor grammatical and spelling errors.