

Directions: Read the twenty-seven amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Choose one of the amendment rights and write a ~~two~~^{min} two page essay answering the following question: (Which Amendment right is most important to me and to the United States?) Explain why you think it is the most important right by using more than two examples from your own experience and knowledge. Include at least two resources that give examples of the history or importance of your specific Amendment right. Resources should be selected from at least two of the following sources: court rulings, state and federal laws, testimonials, newspaper and magazine articles, Internet research, etc. All resources quoted in your essay need to be cited. In addition, discuss what your life in the United States would be like without this right.

Your essay should be double-spaced and typed using Times New Roman Font in size 12. One inch margins should be used. ~~Paragraphs should consist of a minimum of three sentences.~~ Your essay should be well organized and contain a thesis statement, introduction, body, and a conclusion. Spell check your essay and have a classmate, friend or adult proofread it before turning it in to make sure it has no mechanical, spelling or punctuation errors. Your essay should flow well and be easy to understand.

Essays will be graded using a rubric based on the following criteria: explanation/support for your amendment right (Did you back up your opinion with a clear, thorough argument that contains examples or evidence to support your position); connection to real-life experiences (Does your essay connect personal experiences and feelings to the topic? Have you provided evidence on the effect on the Amendment right on everyday life or explained the potential effects on everyday life); and form and mechanics (Is the organization of the paper clear? Does your essay contain a thesis, introduction, body, and conclusion? Are there mechanical, spelling or punctuation errors?).

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