

U.S. History II

Regents Review

Thematic Essay Question

Directions: Write a well organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion. Use your textbook and/or the internet for assistance.

Theme: Constitutional Change.

Task: Identify two amendments to the U.S. Constitution and for each:

- Discuss the historical circumstances that led to the adoption of the amendment.
- Discuss how the amendment changed the United States government and/or society.

Suggestions: You may use any of the constitutional amendment from your study of U.S. history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the 1st amendment – personal freedoms (1791), 15th amendment – right to vote (1870), 18th amendment – Prohibition (1919), 19th amendment – suffrage (1920), or 22nd amendment – term limits – (1952).

You are not limited to these suggestions.

Guidelines: In your essay, be sure to;

- Address all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details.
- Use a logical and clear plan of organizations.
- Include an introduction and conclusion that are beyond a simple restatement of the theme.