

Suggested Assignments

Look up and define the following terms, as they relate to the American Constitution:

Federalist
Anti-Federalist
Rights
Liberty
Freedom
Tyranny
Monarchy
Democracy
Republic
Pseudonym
Coercive/Coercion
Infallible
Dissenter
Blasphemy

Research and write a one-page paper about one of the authors listed here:

John Milton
John Locke
John Trenchard and/or Thomas Gordon (pen name: Cato)
John Stuart Mill

Research and write a 1-2 page paper about the differences between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists.

Select one of the Federalists or Anti-Federalists, research their biography, and write a 1-2 page paper about this person. Cite your sources.

Review the positions of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists and then write a brief essay (1 page) on the following: If you had been involved in the writing of the Constitution, would you have been on the side of the Federalists or the Anti-Federalists, and why?

Read about the American Enlightenment and make a collage or write a 1-2 page essay about some of the famous people and their discoveries during this time period.

Read the entire Bill of Rights and relate one or two of these rights to current events or current controversies in a written paragraph.

Advanced students could read entire PDFs of one of the 4 key philosophical works and write a written response to it. Suggestions: Restate the author's key arguments in one paragraph or one page. Discuss whether you agree or disagree with the author. Why or why not? Can you think of examples of situations today that relate to the author's argument? How would the author respond to this current controversy?