

Oklahoma Bar Association

Law Day 2022 Writing Prompts – *Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change*

Grade	Standards	Prompt
1	American Heroes	Why are laws important?
2	Our Democratic Heritage	Why is it important to vote?
3	Oklahoma Studies	What are the three branches of Oklahoma’s government? How can people participate in government?
4	U.S. Studies (broad): Regional Geography and History	How can people work together to make the country better?
5	U.S. Studies: Structure and Responsibilities of American Government	How does it help the country when citizens (1) become informed voters and (2) engage in civil discourse?
6	World Geography: Western Hemisphere	Discuss a period of social change in U.S. history that led to a constitutional amendment (e.g., 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th and 21st, 19th, 24th or 26th amendments). Compare that with how a similar change was handled in a country in the Western Hemisphere.
7	World Geography: Eastern Hemisphere	Discuss a period of social change in U.S. history that led to a constitutional amendment (e.g., 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th and 21st, 19th, 24th or 26th amendments). Compare that with how a similar change was handled in a country in the Eastern Hemisphere.
8	Created the United States: Foundation, Formation and Transformation of the American Nation, 1754 to 1877	Describe the effects of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, including the purpose of the amendments and unintended consequences or challenges with enforcement of those amendments.

High School	Oklahoma History and Government	Compare the process of changing the Oklahoma Constitution with the process to change the Federal Constitution. Give an example of how each constitution was changed as a result of a contemporaneous social movement.
	Sociology	Describe how collective behavior can influence and change society and explain how that contributed to a constitutional amendment.
	U.S. Government	Use an example (either historical or contemporary) to explain how the government has responded to a social movement and how that movement resulted in changes in law or the Constitution.
	U.S. History	Examine the Civil Rights Movement and explain how that movement used 1st Amendment protections to advocate while advocating for changes in the law.
	World History	Compare a social movement in the United States with a social movement in another country. Discuss how the protections of the United States Constitution either helped or hindered that movement compared with the other country.
	World Human Geography	Compare the United States' system of government with another country's government. Explain how social movements in the United States are different from social movements in other countries because of the different types of government.

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