



VERMONT BAR FOUNDATION CONSTITUTION DAY CONTEST

WHAT IS CONSTITUTION DAY?

CONSTITUTION DAY IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 17. IT COMMEMORATES THE FORMATION AND SIGNING OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. CONSTITUTION DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION'S CONTINUED RELEVANCE.

CONSTITUTION DAY CONTEST (CHOOSE ONE ACTIVITY)

BY PARTICIPATING IN VBF'S CONTEST, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COULD LEARN THE CONSTITUTION'S HISTORY, THE RIGHTS STUDENTS HAVE, HOW THOSE RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED, AND HOW UNDERSTANDING THEIR RIGHTS CAN HELP THEM MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD. BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU WANT TO BE AND YOU COULD HAVE A CHANCE AT WINNING A PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR CLASSROOM OF UP TO 35 STUDENTS.

1. PROPOSE A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Students propose an additional amendment(s) to the Constitution that they believe should be added. They must make their case for support, which could include propaganda materials and/or posters promoting their new amendment.

2. CLASSROOM PREAMBLE

Students write a preamble to explain why their classroom rules are in place. Creating a classroom preamble will provide students with relevant connections to the actual U.S. Constitution Preamble. It will also give students a sense of ownership over the classroom policies they must adhere to daily.

3. DESIGN YOUR OWN CITIZENSHIP TEST

Students will design a new citizenship test for a fictional country. They get to name their country and create a citizenship test consisting of up to 15 questions and answers. Students will investigate citizenship in their new country, as well as the rights and responsibilities that come with it.

MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 14. UP TO THREE WINNERS MAY BE CHOSEN. WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY LATE OCTOBER/EARLY NOVEMBER. WINNERS RECEIVE A PIZZA PARTY FOR THEIR CLASSROOM OF UP TO 35 STUDENTS ON A DAY OF THEIR CHOOSING.

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT VIA EMAIL IN PDF FORMAT TO:
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VERMONT BAR FOUNDATION

THE VERMONT BAR FOUNDATION IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO INCREASING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR VERMONTERS WHO ARE LOW-INCOME, UNDERSERVED, OR MARGINALIZED. THE VERMONT BAR FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1982 AND IS THE STATE'S ONLY FOUNDATION SOLELY DEDICATED TO THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMUNITY. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE VBF HAS GIVEN OVER \$27 MILLION IN GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO MORE THAN 60 DESERVING ORGANIZATIONS.

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