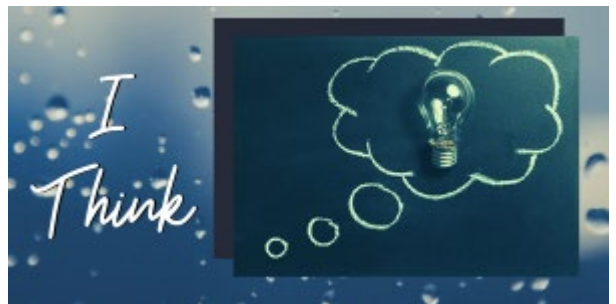


Why the Constitution is Special

Discussion: Answer the questions based on the video “Why the Constitution is Special.” Do you think the United States Constitution still matters today, and why?

1. What does it mean for a right to be inalienable?

2. Why would the Framers want to keep the true power in the hands of the citizens?



3. The idea of a government that works for the people was new. How was this different from the normal government systems of the time, and why might the Framers have wanted a change?

4. How does the right to due process protect individual liberty?

5. How does separating the government into three branches limit its power?

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1. In what ways could ignoring the Constitution cause our system to break down?

2. Why is it so rare throughout history for many different ethnic and religious groups to live peacefully together, and how does the Constitution change that?



3. How should the Constitution influence the formation and interpretation of other laws?

4. What role did the people's trust in their leaders play in the early success of the Constitution? How might things have been different without that trust?

5. Why did the Framers fear letting the government grow without limits? Do you think an all-powerful government protects the rights of the people, and why?
