Unit 3: We the People

RAFT Project: Constitutional Convention Artifact

Goals:

- To demonstrate understanding of how the Founding Fathers cooperated to establish the principles of government in the US Constitution.
- To identify how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the Constitution.
- To explain the viewpoints of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists regarding the ratification of the Constitution and the inclusion of a bill of rights.
- To identify the relationship and division of powers between the federal government and the state governments.

Role:

You will choose a role that is appropriate for the IB Concept of Time, Place, and Space and related to the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Your artifact will be relevant to the viewpoints of the role you assume. Ex. James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin.

Audience:

You will choose an appropriate audience for the Time, Place, and Space surrounding the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Your artifact should communicate viewpoints and information to the audience you chose. Ex. Opponents, State Legislatures, Family Members.

Situation:

A team of historians has uncovered a collection of artifacts from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, 1787. In this collection is a variety of objects that demonstrate how the Founding Fathers cooperated with each other to establish the principles of government presented in the new US Constitution.

Product:

Create an artifact that could have been created at the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention of 1787. Ex. Letter, Diary, Found Object.

Standards:

SS.7.C.1.5. Identify how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the Constitution

SS.7.C.1.8 Explain the viewpoints of the Federalists and the Anti-

Federalists regarding the ratification of the Constitution and inclusion of a bill of rights.

SS.7.C.3.4 Identify the relationship and division of powers between the federal government and state governments.

IB Criterion A: Knowing and Understanding

By the end of year 3, students will be able to:

i. use a range of terminology in context.

ii. demonstrate knowledge and understanding of subject-specific content and concepts, through descriptions, explanations, and examples.

IB Criterion C: Communicating

i. communicate information and ideas in a way that is appropriate for the audience and purpose.

IB Criterion D: Thinking Critically

i. analyze concepts, issues, models, visual representation and/or theories

iv. recognize different perspectives and explain their implications



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| | Level Descriptor | Product Criteria |
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| 0 | The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below. | |
| 1-2 | Knowing and Understanding i. makes limited use of terminology ii. demonstrates basic knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through limited descriptions and/or examples. Communicating i. communicates information and ideas in a style that is not always clear. Thinking Critically i. begins to analyze concepts, issues, models, visual representation, and/or theories in a limited way iv. identifies different perspectives | Artifact accurately uses 2 or fewer terms from the lesson in the context of the RAFT. Demonstrates basic knowledge of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation through limited descriptions or examples. Communicates information and ideas in a style that is not always clear to the Time, Place, and Space of the RAFT Audience and Purpose. Begins to analyze of the concept of Time, Place, and Space related to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in a limited way Identifies the perspectives of the Federalists or the Anti-Federalists |
| 3-4 | Knowing and Understanding i. uses some terminology accurately ii. demonstrates satisfactory knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through simple descriptions, explanations, and examples Communicating i.communicates information and ideas in a style that is somewhat clear Thinking Critically i. completes a simple analysis of concepts, issues, models, visual representation, and/or theories iv. clearly recognizes different perspectives and suggests some of their implications. | Artifact accurately uses 3-5 terms from the lesson in the context of the RAFT. Demonstrates satisfactory knowledge of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation through simple descriptions, explanations, and examples. Communicates information and ideas in a style that is somewhat relevant to the Time, Place, and Space of the RAFT Audience and Purpose. Completes a simple analysis of the concept of Time, Place, and Space related to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, issues of ratification of the Constitution, the inclusion of the bill of rights, or the model of federalism. Clearly recognizes the perspectives of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists about the ratification of the Constitution and the inclusion of a bill of rights, and suggests some of their implications. |
| 5-6 | Knowing and Understanding i. uses considerable and relevant terminology accurately ii. demonstrates substantial knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through descriptions, explanations, and examples Communicating i. communicates information and ideas in a style that is mostly appropriate to the audience and purpose Thinking Critically i. completes a substantial analysis of concepts, issues, models, visual representation, and/or theories iv. clearly recognizes different perspectives and describes most of their implications | Artifact accurately uses 6-9 terms from the lesson in the context of the RAFT. Demonstrates substantial knowledge of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation by describing the government, explaining one example of how it was weak Communicates information and ideas in a style that is mostly appropriate to the Time, Place, and Space of the RAFT Audience and Purpose. Completes a substantial analysis of the concept of Time, Place, and Space related to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, issues of ratification of the Constitution, the inclusion of the bill of rights, and the model of federalism. Clearly recognizes the perspectives of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists about the ratification of the Constitution and the inclusion of a bill of rights, and describes most of their implications. |
| 7-8 | Knowing and Understanding i. consistently uses a range of terminology accurately ii. demonstrates detailed knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through developed and accurate descriptions, explanations, and examples Communicating i. communicates information and ideas in a style that is completely appropriate to the audience and purpose Thinking Critically i. completes a detailed analysis of concepts, issues, models, visual representation, and/or theories iv. clearly recognizes different perspectives and consistently explains their implications | Artifact accurately uses at least 10 relevant terms from the lesson in the context of the RAFT. Demonstrates detailed knowledge of the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation by accurately identifying and elaborating with multiple examples. Communicates information and ideas in a style that is completely appropriate to the Time, Place, and Space of the RAFT Audience and Purpose. Completes a detailed analysis of the concept of Time, Place, and Space related to the Constitutional Convention of 1787, issues of ratification of the Constitution, the inclusion of the bill of rights, and the model of federalism. Clearly recognizes the perspectives of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists about the ratification of the Constitution and the inclusion of a bill of rights, and consistently explains their implications. |

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