Constitutional Amendment Proposal Writing Rubric

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|  | Exceeding | Meeting | Approaching |
| **Section One: Amendment Proposal** | * Amendment is clearly worded, and easy to follow. * Demonstrates an understanding of how amendments are worded/structured. | * Amendment is easy to follow, though some words may be unnecessary or unclear. * Is generally correct in structure of the amendment, though makes some mistakes. | * Amendment is confusing or hard to understand based on wording. * Does not follow the proper structure of amendments. |
| **Section Two: Amendment Justification** | * Creates a compelling justification for why the amendment is relevant or important. * Utilizes specific evidence to create proof of argument. | * Creates some argument for why the amendment is relevant or important. * Utilizes general evidence to justify argument. | * Does not create an argument, or the argument created is not appropriate. * Does not offer any evidence to justify argument. |
| **Section Three: Historical Support Analysis** | * Discusses both Federalist and Anti-Federalist positions. * Applies Fed and Anti-Fed positions to amendment accurately and succinctly. Demonstrates a deep understanding of their positions. | * Discusses only Federalist or Anti-Federalist position. * Applies Fed or Anti-Fed position to the amendment, and demonstrates a general understanding of their positions. | * Does not discuss Federalist or Anti-Federalist position. * Makes significant errors in applying positions, or fundamentally misunderstands the positions. |
| **Section Four: Political Philosopher Analysis** | * Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the political philosophers positions. * Draws a clear parallel between the amendment and the thinker’s work. | * Demonstrates an understanding of the general position of the philosopher they choose to address. * Creates a general, but unspecific, link between their amendment and the thinker’s work. | * Is unclear, or incorrect, about the position the philosopher takes. * Does not link the work of the philosopher to their amendment. |
| **Formatting and Clarity** |  | * Follows all required paper formatting.   + Has section headers   + Appropriate font size.   + Appropriate margins. | * Does not follow all required paper formatting.   + Missing section headers.   + Inappropriate font size.   + Inappropriate margins. |

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