

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Theme: The Constitution and Change

The United States Constitution not only provides a basic framework of government, but also allows for the flexibility to adapt to changes over time.

Task:

- Identify *two* basic constitutional principles and discuss how each principle allows the government to adapt to changes in the United States
- For *each* constitutional principle you discuss, describe a specific historical circumstance when the principle was used to meet the changing needs of American political, social, *or* economic life

You may use any constitutional principle from your study of United States history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include: the amendment process, the elastic clause, judicial review, equality, civil liberties, presidential power in foreign affairs, and presidential power during wartime.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.
