

Guided Essay: How Did the Constitution Guard Against Tyranny?

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Grabber/hook (such as role of government, failed previous one, etc.)

- B. Background information on writing the Constitution (date, place, purpose):

- C. Definition of "tyranny" NOT LIKE A DICTIONARY- need this as intro for the next item

- D. Restatement of the question

- E. Thesis and roadmap: The Constitution guarded against tyranny in several ways which were _____, _____, _____, and _____.

II. BODY PARAGRAPH #1

- A. Mini Claim: The first guard against tyranny was _____ which means _____.
- B. Evidence: Provide two or more specific examples from the documents which show how this guard is included in the Constitution. (and note the documents or authors!)

- C. Argument: _____ (Guard One) protects against tyranny because

III. BODY PARAGRAPH #2

- A. Mini Claim: A second guard against tyranny was _____ which means _____.
- B. Evidence: Provide two or more specific examples from the documents which show how this guard is included in the Constitution. (and note the documents or authors!)

- C. Argument: _____ (Guard Two) protects against tyranny because

IV. BODY PARAGRAPH #3

- A. Mini Claim: The third guard against tyranny was _____ which means _____.
- B. Evidence: Provide two or more specific examples from the documents which show how this guard is included in the Constitution. (and note the documents or authors!)

- C. Argument: _____ (Guard Four) protects against tyranny because

V. BODY PARAGRAPH #4

- A. Mini Claim: The fourth guard against tyranny was _____ which means _____.
- B. Evidence: Provide two or more specific examples from the documents which show how this guard is included in the Constitution. (and note the documents or authors!)

- C. Argument: _____ (Guard Four) protects against tyranny because

VI. CONCLUSION

- A. Restate your thesis in a revised claim (not word for word from above)

- B. In one sentence each, review each of the four guards listed on your roadmap

- C. Explain why this question is significant. Why is it important to understand how the Constitution guarded against tyranny? Why is it important today?