

Viewpoint: History Edition

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Session 1: Thursdays/Fridays

Description: This course will look at a few events and movements in history that were met with controversy and a broad range of viewpoints. Through discussion and research students will determine their own viewpoint on the event after carefully weighing all sides.

Materials: pen or pencil, notebook and an open mind!

Expectations: Participation! The class is what you make it. This will not be a debate class as much as it is a discussion class, and an opportunity to share informed perspectives with maturity and a willingness to hear others. A range of opinion is expected and welcomed! Be open to new ideas and respect your classmates who may disagree with you.

8/29 and 8/30 Viewpoints and Media Literacy

Introduction to the course! Why is it important to reflect on history? Why is it so important to look at things from other people's perspectives? We will discuss what viewpoints, biases and prejudices are and reflect on own. We will also discuss how politics and media sway public opinion, and learn about media literacy, which will students understand "fake news" and propaganda, as well as the political bias ranking on various journalism news outlets.

9/5 and 9/6 Equal Rights Amendment: Part I

History: Who was involved? What went down? Where and when did it take place? Why does it even matter? Present day: how has it affected today? Do we even need it? What has changed since first introduced?

9/12 and 9/13 Equal Rights Amendment: Part II

Each student will have a different persona with a different viewpoint to take on, even if it is one that they don't agree with (more fun!). They will be given an article and expected to do additional research. Then they will share with the class who they are and why they cared about the Equal Rights Amendment.

9/19 and 9/20 Topic #2 TBA: Part I (same format as previous topic)

9/26 and 9/27 Topic #2: Part II (same format as previous topic)

10/3 and 10/4 Topic #3 TBA: Part I (same format as previous topic)

10/10 and 10/11 Topic #4: Part II (same format as previous topic)

