**Writing Assignment 1: 27 Amendments**

Brainstorm

Outline

Summary of Research

Introduction/Thesis

Body Paragraphs

Conclusion

E-Tutoring/Rough Draft

Final Draft

**Overview**: For our first major writing assignment we want to use the tools we have covered so far to help us gather some great research, and begin to lay the foundation of a successful essay. In doing so, our goal is to prepare ourselves for the rigors of academic writing. To prepare, we will follow the writing process structure, as well as discuss the structure/formula needed in almost every strong written assignment.

**Assignment**: Now that we have covered what the US Constitution is, as well as the articles included, we will shift our focus to the 27 Amendments. For this essay, please choose only (1) Amendment, then write an informative essay, focusing in on any debates. For instance, let’s say you chose the Second Amendment: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” Some people are pro-gun rights, while others would like to see restrictions on gun ownership. In writing this essay, I would cover each side’s argument.

*Keep in mind, this is an informative essay. You are not making an argument. You are only reporting what they argue.*

**Questions to Consider**:

1. Which Amendment are you working with? You should choose only one of the 27 Amendments.
2. What does the Amendment state? Please be careful and focus in on what the actual Amendment states, not your own interpretation.
3. How is this Amendment perceived? There are obviously more than two ways to view that specific Amendment. Take time to research the two main arguments associated with it.

**Requirements**: This essay should be (3-5) pages and follow MLA Standards: 12 pt font, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins, Works Cited Page.

**Due Date**: Start of Week #6