A rule and a power

Constitutional foundations | constructed civic case

Name _____ Date _____

A fictional state blocks sale of products arriving from another state. A federal rule permits those products under national commerce policy. The task supplies the premises that the federal rule is constitutionally valid and the laws conflict.

1. Explain the relevant federalism issue.

2. Explain which rule controls under the supplied premises.

3. Distinguish applying the supplied premises from deciding independently that any federal action is valid.

Use evidence and show the relationships in your reasoning. Additional paper is permitted.

A promise and a barrier

Reconstruction and citizenship | constructed policy evidence

Name _____ Date _____

Two classroom summaries describe the Reconstruction era. A states that new constitutional protections expanded citizenship and voting protections. B describes violence and local obstruction aimed at restricting Black political participation. These are teaching summaries rather than quotations or complete historical sources.

1. Explain the relationship between legal change and the conditions in B.

2. Explain why the evidence challenges a claim that legal adoption alone guaranteed participation.

3. Identify a useful additional primary source and the question it could answer.

Use evidence and show the relationships in your reasoning. Additional paper is permitted.

Who benefits from a rate?

Industrialization and reform | constructed economic source pair

Name _____ Date _____

In a fictional 1890s shipping dispute, a large firm receives a lower freight rate per ton than small producers. The railroad argues that bulk contracts reduce its costs. Small producers petition for equal treatment. These invented statements are a model for source comparison.

1. Compare the economic interests.

2. Explain how the dispute could motivate demands for government regulation.

3. Evaluate the railroad statement's usefulness for a question about its own justification.

Use evidence and show the relationships in your reasoning. Additional paper is permitted.

Relief, recovery, reform

Depression and government | constructed program table

Name _____ Date _____

A classroom simulation describes three responses to a severe economic depression. A provides immediate food support. B pays workers to rebuild roads. C creates long-term rules for financial institutions.

1. Explain a difference in the purposes of the responses.

2. Analyze a relationship between the economic crisis and increased federal involvement.

3. Explain why a program's stated purpose is insufficient to determine its success.

Use evidence and show the relationships in your reasoning. Additional paper is permitted.

A message has an audience

Cold War and sourcing | constructed diplomatic source pair

Name _____ Date _____

A fictional public speech defends an overseas alliance as protection against ideological expansion. A confidential planning note from the same government discusses shipping access and a regional base. Both are invented for sourcing practice.

1. Explain a difference in emphasis and connect it to audience.

2. Evaluate the speech's reliability for studying the public case made for the alliance.

3. Explain what the pair can and cannot establish about motives.

Use evidence and show the relationships in your reasoning. Additional paper is permitted.

The turnout denominator

Civil rights and civic outcomes | constructed participation data

Name _____ Date _____

A fictional county changes voting procedures after an enforcement action. Eligible voters remain 1000 in both years. Registered voters and ballots cast are listed below. The data do not identify a comparison county.

Year	Registered	Ballots cast
Before	400	300
After	700	420

1. Calculate registration and turnout among eligible voters in both years.

2. Explain the difference between turnout among registered and among eligible voters.

3. Make a qualified claim about change and state a causal limit.

Use evidence and show the relationships in your reasoning. Additional paper is permitted.