



SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

THE KID WHO RAN FOR PRESIDENT

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Writing Prompt

Planning

1. Think about what you want to write.
2. Reread the prompt to make sure you are writing about the topic.
3. Make notes. Use your prewriting skills, such as mapping or outlining.
4. Carefully read the five statements below the prompt.

Writing prompt

The U.S. Constitution reads “neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained the age of thirty-five years.” Write to persuade the reader why this age requirement is appropriate, or write to persuade the reader why the age requirement should be changed.

As you write your paper, remember to

- clearly explain the reasons you provide for keeping the age the same or changing it;
- include specific facts, details, and examples which support the reasons you select;
- present your ideas in a clear and logical order, including an introduction, body, and conclusion;
- use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences;
- correct any errors in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.

Foundations of Democracy, Responsibility

- Connections to text
 1. What responsibilities does Lane Brainard have as campaign manager for Judson Moon’s presidential campaign?

We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

- Connections to text
 1. What procedures must be followed in order to change (amend) the U.S. Constitution?