



Eleventh Amendment: Worksheet

Short Essay: Choose one of the following prompts and write a 300-500 word essay that thoughtfully and creatively addresses the prompt.

1. Pretend it is 1792 and the Supreme Court has just issued its controversial ruling in *Chisholm v. Georgia*. The states are outraged because they thought they couldn't be sued! Caleb Strong has asked you to formulate an Amendment to the Constitution that clarifies Article III on sovereign immunity. Write a new draft for the Amendment, then explain why you chose the language you used and what you hope to achieve with this new Amendment.
2. Pretend it is 1795 and the Eleventh Amendment is about to be passed. Take the perspective of one of the following: state governor, state supreme court justice, farmer/business owner, or British subject still living in the United States. Write an op-ed for your local newspaper issuing your opinions on the Amendment. Do you agree or disagree with the provisions it will grant? What implications will the Amendment have for you and others like you?