Lesson Plan #3- Rachel Miller

**Introduction**:

Students need to have a prior elementary knowledge of the Constitution and the Founding Fathers, as well as a general understanding of American revolutionary history. A more in-depth explanation of the Constitution will be included in the lesson.

**Group Size**:

Whole class, 10th grade, later broken down into groups of 3 or 4

**Learning Objectives**:

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to explain their reasons for why we have amendments to the constitution and will have an elementary knowledge of how to use Prezi for future projects. The final presentation will be evaluated according to a rubric.

**Guiding Question**:

What is the purpose and meaning of the Constitution’s amendments through the student’s eyes?

**Materials**:

History textbook

Computers

**Procedures**:

1. Opening Activity:

Teacher sets up a scenario about a student being expelled for wearing an inappropriate shirt at school. Students will be asked what they think about this and whether or not it is constitutional on the basis of the first amendment. Those who support the suspension will be on one side of the classroom and those who are against the suspension will be put on the other side. A debate will then occur, run by the teacher, asking each side (must pick a group leader) to state their case. This activity is meant to show how there are two sides to every problem and that the Constitution was meant to be debatable. (30 minutes)

2. The class will be broken down into smaller groups of three or four when they will have the rest of the class to decide which amendment of the U.S. Constitution they are going to make a Prezi about and sign up for a presentation time at the teacher’s desk (remainder of class time).

**Assessment**:

The groups of three of four will create a Prezi that will be presented to the class the following week. It will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not the following are included:

The reasons why the students chose their amendment for the presentation

The reasons why they think it’s important for our society as a whole.

One type of multimedia included in the Prezi i.e. a you-tube video or documentary clip

More generally, writing style, presentation quality, and overall demonstration of knowledge on the topic.

**Benchmark or Standards**:

SS.912.C.2.6 Evaluate, take, and defend positions about rights protected by the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

SS.912.C.1.1 Evaluate, take, and defend positions on the founding ideals and principles in American Constitutional government.

SS.912.C.2.1 Evaluate the constitutional provisions establishing citizenship, and assess the criteria among citizens by birth, naturalized citizens, and non-citizens.