

Write **two (2)** essays of the given questions. Each essay should have a brief opening paragraph, a thesis, and respond as thoroughly as possible to the question asked.

2-3 pages per essay, double-spaced, 12 pt-times new roman.

ESSAY #1:

What are civil liberties? Do the civil liberties and Bill of Rights that we've studied in class – freedom of religion, expression, privacy, criminal procedure, etc. – equate to *political* freedom in your view, or are they only about giving space to freedom *from* politics? What is political freedom to you? Is it more than a set of constraints on governmental power?

ESSAY #2:

What is the historical importance of the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA)? How do you understand its impact on elections and politics today? Compose an essay that evaluates the legacy of the VRA and the current state of voting rights in the USA in 2021.