

AP United States History  
Threshold Concepts  
Sphere Summit

The Fragility of Classical Liberalism

Perspectives and Pluralism

Civic and Civil Discourse

Liberty

Political Theory in Practice versus in Theory

Human Agency and Uncertain Outcomes in Cause and Effect

Cohesion

Tips and Tricks

- Create a timeline to track these threshold concepts over time. For instance,
  - The Fragility of Classical Liberalism
    - Washington's administration
    - 1968
    - 1850s
- Perspectives and pluralism
  - Use the "[Ideological Turing Test](#)."
  - Inner circle / Outer Circle
  - Harkness discussion
  - Take a liberal / conservative out to lunch.
  - Stand in a political spectrum and discuss with others who have an opposite viewpoint.
  - Speed dating and role playing.
  - Swapping roles.
  - Paraphrasing what you've heard about another's perspective without judgement.
- Civic and Civil Discourse
  - Rules from the National Constitution Center's constitutional conversations.
  - Harkness discussion.
  - Give historical examples such as
    - 1960s political realignment
    - 2010 - 2012 Tea Party and Occupy
    - Progressive Era
  - Ask "What are the things we all agree on?" before debating.
  - Watch a Sphere Summit video to model civil discourse.
- Liberty
  - Use the National Constitution Center's Interactive Constitution to examine what the enumerated liberty's are and how they have been interpreted throughout history.

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- Definitions of liberty based on progressive, libertarian, and conservative viewpoints.
- For further development--
  - Political Theory in Practice versus in Theory
  - Human Agency and Uncertain Outcomes in Cause and Effect
  - Cohesion