

Prompt A: Look over what area you intend to teach and indicate how **your course work** has prepared you to teach in this area. This should match the endorsement area you indicate in your application. Name your strengths in preparation, areas needing growth, and plans for next steps.

My coursework thus far has uniquely prepared me to teach high school social studies. My academic journey, rich in the study of the classics, political theory, global history, and American foreign politics, has equipped me with a thorough understanding of the history of political thought and its impact on historical and contemporary societies. My greatest strength lies in my grasp of the history of political thought, enabling me to effectively connect ideas that have shaped the course of history to their formative documents. Moreover, my broad historical knowledge encompasses the critical periods of European socio-politics, which were pivotal in shaping the world wars, as well as the origins of and contemporary tensions of Russia as a global superpower. I look forward to using my education in the classroom. Whether we are discussing the American Constitution or the French Revolution, I am uniquely prepared to provide students with insights into the primary documents that influenced major historical events that continue to affect us today. Perhaps the most valuable thing I learned in my studies was the universality of the human experience across space and time. From this I want to develop a pedagogy that uses social studies to teach students to think critically about their world and their place in it.

My understanding of the American political system, though grounded in history and political thought, would benefit from further coursework specifically focusing on American politics. I look forward to taking courses that focus on the delivery of material specific to high school social studies. While my coursework has predominantly been conducted in a seminar and Socratic style, I acknowledge the need to gain experience in diverse classroom settings, including those that employ alternative teaching styles. For this reason, I want to pursue a Master's in Teaching at The Evergreen State where I will learn from professors with real world

experience and spend a full academic year in classrooms learning from skilled public educators. By embracing a continuous learning mindset and actively seeking opportunities for professional development, I am committed to refining my teaching skills and strategies, fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment for my future students.