

## Why Does the Constitution Matter? with Anastasia Boden | A Primary Source Close Read Special, Constitution Day 2021

*Why does the Constitution matter? In this special edition of Primary Source Close Reads, Kirk Higgins is joined by Anastasia Boden, practicing Constitutional lawyer at the Pacific Legal Foundation, to discuss the 9th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution. How have they been interpreted and used in Supreme Court decisions? Why are these Amendments--and the Constitution as a whole—so important to us today?*

As you view the video, answer the following questions.

### *Part I: Viewing Guide*

- 1) What is Ms. Boden's job?
- 2) Why does Ms. Boden believe we should continue to study the Constitution?
- 3) What are Ms. Boden's two favorite parts of the Constitution?
- 4) Why does she say these are important?
- 5) What are the two types of due process discussed?

After you view the video, discuss the following.

*Part II: Questions for Discussion*

- 1) Why might it be problematic to try and list out every right in the Constitution?
- 2) Since not every right is considered to be “listed” in the Constitution, how does the government work to better define the rights protected in the Constitution?
- 3) What opportunities do we have as citizens regarding the Constitution?
- 4) Why is it important that we look back to the text of the Constitution today?