

## Discussion Questions

### Before Viewing:

Introduce the DEMOCRACY episode segment featuring calligrapher Sammy Little, who inscribes a quote from the Declaration of Independence. Watch the episode at [pbs.org/craft-in-america/tv-series/democracy](https://pbs.org/craft-in-america/tv-series/democracy) or [craftinamerica.org/episode/democracy](https://craftinamerica.org/episode/democracy). Share this quote:

*"Feeling that connection to those times is a wonderful way to appreciate our history; our democracy." – Sammy Little*

### After Viewing:

1. What type of work does Sammy Little do?
2. How does calligraphy differ from other forms of writing? Do you think it has an effect on how people view or think about the text?
3. Who has Sammy Little done work for? What do you think is important about those assignments?
4. What kind of tools can a calligrapher use to write? How does it affect the work produced?
5. Sammy Little says that "sometimes I want to get various edges and shading" in her letterforms. What do you think that accomplishes?
6. How familiar are you with cursive handwriting? Have you seen it, read it, or practiced it? Where do you think it might appear?