

Foundations of American Democracy

The U.S. Constitution arose out of important historical and philosophical ideas and preferences regarding popular sovereignty and limited government. Compromises were made during the Constitutional Convention and ratification debates, and these compromises have frequently been the sources of conflict in U.S. Politics over the proper balance between individual freedom, social order, and equality of opportunity

Essential Questions:

- How did the founders of the U.S. Constitution attempt to protect individual liberty, while also promoting public order and safety?
- How have theory, debate and compromise influenced the U.S. Constitutional system?
- How does the development and interpretation of the Constitution influence policies that impact people.

Required Foundational Documents		Required Supreme Court Cases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of Independence • Articles of Confederation • U.S. Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federalist No. 51 • Federalist No. 10 • Brutus No. 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCulloch v. Maryland (1819) • United States v. Lopez (1995)

Key Terms and Concepts

Amendment process
 American with Disabilities Acts (1990)
 Anti-Federalists
 Articles I,II,III,IV,V,IV
 Articles of Confederation
 Balance of power
 Bills of attainder
 Block grants
 Categorical grants
 Central government
 Checks and balances
 Clean Air Act (1970)
 Commerce Clause
 Concurrent Powers
 Consent of the Governed
 Cooperative (“Marble Cake”) federalism
 Democracy
 Devolution
 Dual (“Layer Cake”) federalism
 Elastic Clause
 Electoral College
 Elite democracy
 Enumerated powers
 Equal Rights Amendment

Ex post facto law
 Exclusive powers
 Expressed powers
 Extradition
 Factions
 Federalism
 Federalist papers
 Federalists
 Fiscal federalism
 Formula grants
 Full faith and credit clause
 Grants
 Great (Connecticut) Compromise
 Impeachment
 Implied powers
 Initiative/Referendum
 Incentives
 Inherent powers
 John Locke
 Limited government
 Linkage institutions
 Mandates
 Multiple policy access points
 Natural rights

Necessary and Proper Clause
 New Jersey Plan
 Participatory democracy
 Pluralist democracy
 Policy agenda
 Policymaking system
 politics
 Popular sovereignty
 Privileges and Immunities Clause
 Public goods and services
 Ratification
 Representative democracy
 Republic
 Reserved powers
 Separation of powers
 Shay’s Rebellion
 Social Contract
 Statute
 Supremacy Clause
 Tenth Amendment
 Three-Fifths Compromise
 Tyranny of the majority
 Virginia Plan
 Writ of Habeas Corpus

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UNIT PLANNER (ORANGE BOOK)

Introduction	Edwards, Chapter 1		
	Readings (2)	Types of democracy; Ideals of democracy	Friday August 31
	Notes Pgs.3-15	Introduction, Government, Politics, Policymaking System	Wednesday September 5
	Chapter 1 Quiz		Friday September 7

Constitutional Foundations	Edwards, Chapter 2		
	Notes Pgs.32-43	Introduction, Origins, Government That Failed (AOC)	Monday September 10
	Notes Pgs.44-50	Making a Constitution, Critical Issues at the Convention	Wednesday September 12
	Notes Pgs.50-57	Madisonian Model, Ratifying the Constitution	Friday September 14
	Notes Pgs.57-67	Constitutional Change, Understanding the Constitution	Tuesday September 18
Chapter 2 Quiz and FRQ		Friday September 21	

Federalism	Edwards, Chapter 3		
	Notes Pgs.72-84	Introduction, Defining Federalism, Constitutional Basis of Federalism	Tuesday September 25
	Notes Pgs.84-95	Intergovernmental Relations Today, Diversity in Policy	Friday September 28
	Notes Pgs.95-100	Understanding Federalism	Tuesday October 2
Chapter 3 Quiz and FRQ		Wednesday October 3	

Unit Exam	MCQ EXAM	Monday October 8
	FRQ EXAM	Tuesday October 9

- Students who miss a quiz or exam must make up the quiz or exam BEFORE the next quiz or exam date. For example, if you miss the chapter 3 quiz on Wednesday October 3, you have through Monday October 8 to make it up because the next exam is on Monday October 8
- You can only makeup exams for excused absences. If your absence is unexcused you will receive a zero for the quiz or exam.
- All makeup quizzes and exams are before or after school or during advisory and must be arranged in advance with Ms. Hooper.