

Unit I: Foundations of American Democracy

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 citizens and residents of the U.S.?

Textbook

Wilson: 1, 2 & 3

Supplemental materials & Special Focus

Declaration of Independence

Federalist #10, #51

Articles of Confederation

Brutus #1

U.S. Constitution (*10th & 14th Amendments)

FRQ Writing Guide

General Topics

Federalism

Separation of Powers

Considerations that influenced the formulation and adoption of the Constitution

Theories of democratic government

Vocabulary

Block grants

Mandates

Categorical grants

Natural rights

Checks and balances

Participatory democracy

Concurrent powers

Pluralist democracy

Elite democracy

Popular sovereignty

Enumerated powers

Republicanism

Exclusive powers

Reserved powers

Federalism

Revenue sharing

Implied powers

Separation of powers

Limited government

Social contract

Court Cases

McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)

U.S. v. Lopez (1995)

Marbury v. Madison (1803)

Constitutional Clauses

Commerce Clause Article I sec. 8 clause 3

Elastic Clause Article I sec. 8 clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause)

Reserved Power Clause 10th Amendment

Supremacy Clause Article IV clause 2

Laws to Know

Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

Defense of Marriage Act, 1996

No Child Left Behind Act, 2001