

Unit I: Constitutional Underpinnings 5-15%

Focus Question

Does Federalism *enhance* effectiveness in government, or does it *inhibit* effectiveness in government?

Textbook

Ch 1, 2 & 3

Supplemental material

Federalist #51

FRQ Writing Guide

Practice FRQ

Current Events Discussion Board

General Topics

Federalism

Separation of Powers

Considerations that influenced the formulation and adoption of the Constitution

Theories of democratic government

Vocabulary

Bicameral Legislature

Block Grant

Categorical Grant

Centralists

Checks and Balances

Commerce Clause

Concurrent powers

Confederation

Decentralists

Direct democracy

Elastic Clause

Enumerated powers

Federalism

Dual Federalism

Cooperative Federalism

New Federalism

Federalist Papers

Formal Amendment

Implied Powers

Indirect democracy

Inherent powers

Informal amendment

Judicial review

Mandates (and unfunded mandates)

Marbury v. Madison

McCulloch v. Maryland

Police powers

Popular Sovereignty

Reserved powers

Separation of powers

Shays' Rebellion

Supermajority

Unicameral legislature

Court Cases

McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)

U.S. v. Lopez (1995)

Clinton v. NY (1998)

Kelo v. City of New London (2005)

Constitutional Clauses

Bill of Attainder Clause Article I sec. 9 clause 3

Contracts Clause Article I sec. 10 clause 1

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

Ex Post Facto Clause Article I sec. 9 clause 3

Extradition Clause Article IV sec. 2 clause 2

Full Faith and Credit Clause Article IV sec. 1

Preamble

Privileges and Immunities Clause Article IV sec. 2 clause 1

Reserved Power Clause 10th Amendment

Supremacy Clause Article IV clause 2

Takings Clause 5th Amendment

Laws to Know

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995