Unit 1: Constitutional Underpinnings

*Chapters 1-3 (Edwards and Wattenberg)*

**Key Terms to know and understand:**

**Chapter 1**

Political Participation

Policymaking system

Linkage institution

Public policy

Majority rule

Minority rights

Pluralism, elitism, hyperpluralism

Political culture

Natural rights

Consent of the governed

Limited government**Chapter 2**

Articles of Confederation

Shays’s Rebellion

Factions

New Jersey v. Virginia plan

Connecticut Compromise

Separation of Powers / Checks and Balances

Republic

Federalists

Anti-Federalists

Federalist Papers

Bill of Rights

*Marbury v. Madison*

Judicial Review**Chapter 3**

Federalism

Supremacy clause

10th Amendment

*McCulloch v. Maryland*

Enumerated powers

Elastic clause

*Gibbons v. Ogden*

Dual federalism

Cooperative federalism

Fiscal federalism

Coercive federalism

Devolution

Categorical grants

Block grants

Formula grants

Project grants

**Key Questions to be able to address for the AP Exam:**

1. What are basic premises of the following theories of democracy? (Participatory, elite, pluralist)
2. In what ways did the debate between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists represent the tensions between these theories? How did the Framers address these theories in our Constitution?
3. What evidence can you point to illustrating the Framers’ fear of participatory democracy in our system of government as outlined in 1787?
4. How did Enlightenment ideas about politics and government impact US foundational documents?
5. What are the basic comparisons between the Federalist and Anti-Federalist views on central government and democracy?
6. Explain the major weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
7. How did constitutional compromises respond to political, economic, and regional divisions?
8. How does the ratification debate foreshadow the ongoing philosophical disagreements about democracy and governmental power?
9. What is the relationship between separation of powers and checks and balances as featured in the Constitution? What are the consequences of this system?
10. What is the purpose of checks and balances?
11. What are the basic tenets of Dual Federalism, Cooperative Federalism, and New Federalism/Devolution?
12. How has the balance of power between state and national governments been interpreted over time?

(cases? Clauses?)

1. What are the roots of the tensions over the scope of central power within our federal structure?

Schedule and “To Do” list (Unit 1)

(subject to change, but buckle up because we are about to move quickly!)

The red text is suggested prep for that day in class

January 5 “Ed Tech” Day, Introductions, Choose research topics

* Get contact information for group members, develop online collaborative tool for presentation
* Begin research process

January 6 Work on Research presentation/topics

* Finalize research presentations and be ready for Monday

January 9 Group Research presentations

January 10 Social Contract theory and Right to Revolt/Theory of Democratic Participation

* Read Chapter 1 in Edwards, “Introducing Government in America”
* Youtube vid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kbwh2Ei2dgc&t=55s>
* Chapter 1 Study plan (online materials)
* Class discussion (notes in class drive)

January 11/12 Constitution in one day and Constitutional Compromises

* Read sections 2.3, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 in the text
* Constitution in a day activity
* Constitutional Compromises discussion

January 13 Basics of Federalism (Dual, Cooperative, etc)

* Read sections3.1 and 3.2 in the text
* Youtube vid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCCmuftyj8A>
* Watch federalism basic video (online material)
* Constitutional Powers worksheet

January 16 No School… Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday…

January 17 Federalism Post-it Note activity

* Post it note activity and discussion

January 18/19 Commerce Clause and US v. Lopez

* Read sections 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5 in text
* Youtube vid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsudHmV-B_Y&t=79s>
* Youtube vid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGAaDkEmq5E>
* US vs Lopez Activity

January 20 Fiscal Federalism/End of Unit 1… Online/Take home Practice Test assigned

* Fiscal Federalism reading (handout)
* Fiscal Federalism discussion