

**Unit 1 Constitutional Underpinnings
Study Guide Part A**

Big Idea: Constitutional Democracy

Essential Questions:

- How have theory, conflict, and compromise influenced the US Constitutional system?
- How have constitutional and political developments affected public policy today?

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LO 1.A.1: Compare how various models of representative democracy are reflected through major institutions, policies, events, or debates in the U.S.

EK 1.A.1.a: Representative democracies can take several forms along this scale. Identify the forms in the table below.

Form	Identification	Example
participatory democracy		
pluralist democracy		
elite democracy		

EK 1.A.1.b: Different aspects of the U.S. Constitution as well as the arguments between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists in *Federalist 10* and *Brutus 1* reflect the tension between the broad participatory model and the more filtered participation of the pluralist and elite models.

What are the aspects of the US Constitution?	
What are the arguments of the Federalists?	

What are the arguments of the Anti-Federalists?	
What is the argument in <i>Federalist 10</i> ?	
What is the argument in <i>Brutus 1</i> ?	
How do these reflect the tension between the broad participatory model and the filtered participation on the pluralist and elite models? Be specific in your answer and address all components.	

EK 1.A.1.c: Contemporary institutions, events, policies and debates, including voting rights issues, reflect different beliefs associated with the three models of democratic rule.

Form of democratic rule	Contemporary US institutions, events, policies, and debates reflecting the form of democratic rule. <i>Identify the example and explain the connection/application.</i>
participatory democracy	
pluralist democracy	
elite democracy	