

AP U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Unit 1- Foundations of American Democracy

Enduring Understandings

LOR-1: A Balance between governmental power and individual rights has been a hallmark of American political development.

CON-1: The Constitution emerged from the debate about the weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation as a blueprint for limited government.

PMI-1: The Constitution created a competitive policy-making process to ensure the people's will is represented and that freedom is preserved.

CON-2: Federalism reflects the dynamic distribution of power between national and state governments.

Required Documents and SCOTUS Cases

Declaration of Independence, Federalist 10, Brutus 1, Articles of Confederation, US Constitution- Summer reading, Federalist 51, McCulloch v. Maryland, United States v. Lopez

Readings (Complete the Unit Guide Sections that align with that night's reading indicated in (sections #))

Date	Reading
7/8	Pgs 5-17 (1- 1.4) & <i>How American Politics Went Insane</i>
9/12	Pgs 25-40 (2- 2.2) & <i>How American Politics Went Insane</i>
13/14	Declaration of Independence HO
15/16	Articles of Confederation HO
19/20	Pgs 41-55 (2.3- 2.4)
21/23	Flipboard
26/27	<i>Federalist 51</i> HO
28/29	<i>Brutus 1</i> HO

Date	Reading
30/3	<i>Federalist 10</i> HO
5/6	Pgs 64-77 (3- 3.3)
9/10	Pgs 78-90 (3.4- 3.5)
11/12	<i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> HO
13/16	<i>US v. Lopez</i> HO
17/18	Blackout Poetry
19	Unit Exam: Unit Guide & 1 Pagers Due

* HO= Handout

NOTE

Read and complete the study guide and 1 Pager as you go. These are not to be completed the day before the unit exam. Unit Guide may be stamped in segments in class for completion, failure to complete on time will result in a late point(s) deduction. Assigned readings, handouts, class activities, and current event curricular connections are in potential sources for formative assessments (quiz). You should also take notes in class! from discussions. For students who desire more traditional notes, a unit notes document of content highlights is available on the class Weebly (alhs.gov.weebly.com).

