Government Unit 1: Surveying the Constitution

Topics of Study

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"So, then....Would that be 'us the people"

ID's

John LockeThomas HobbesSeparation of PowersPlatoAristotleEnglish Bill of RightsSocial ContractStateAutocratic vs. Democratic

Direct Democracy Republic Monarchy
Aristocracy Oligarchy Theocracy
Magna Carta 2nd Continental Congress Stamp Act
John Adams Thomas Jefferson James Madison

Articles of Confederation Shay's Rebellion Constitutional Convention

Virginia/New Jersey Plan Connecticut Compromise 3/5 Compromise

Federalists (papers) Anti-Federalists (papers) Commerce/Slave Compromise

Checks and Balances Popular Sovereignty Judicial Review

Federalism Bill of Rights Warrant / Probably Clause

Assembly Double Jeopardy Clear and Present Danger Doctrine

Libel/SlanderPreambleEstablishment ClauseSelf-incriminationFederal SystemUnitary SystemExpressed PowersImplied PowersInherent PowersReserved PowersConcurrent PowersSupremacy Clause

McChulloch vs. Maryland Full Faith and Credit Clause Privileges and Immunities

Essential Questions

- 1. What are the qualities of a state?
- 2. How do Thomas Hobbes and John Locke differ on their views of the purpose of government and the social contract (follow their logic)?
- 3. What are the advantages between autocratic/authoritarian and democratic forms of government? What are different forms of each type of government (monarchy, theocracy, oligarchy, aristocracy, direct democracy, republic)?
- 4. What fundamental American ideals can be found in the Declaration of Independence?
- 5. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
- 6. What were the major compromises made in the Constitutional Convention?
- 7. What were the arguments of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists?
- 8. What are the 7 major principles within the US Constitution?
- 9. What major rights are listed in the US Bill of Rights? How are these rights limited?
- 10. What are processes available for changing the US Constitution?
- 11. Since ratification, what amendments have been added to the US Constitution?
- 12. What powers are exclusive to the federal government and state government? Which do they share? How has federal power changed over time?