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Chapter 2 The Constitution

1. What were the limitations of the Articles of Confederation?
2. What were the major issues debated by the framers of the Constitution?
3. Who were the Federalists/Antifederalists? What was their opposition?
4. What are the major provisions and components of the Constitution?

Chapter 3 Federalism

1. Understand the difference between federal, confederal and unitary forms of gov’t
2. Why did the founder choose federalism?
3. What does the Supremacy Clause say about federalism?
4. How does federal and state government work together and compete?

Chapter 4 Civil liberties

1. What are civil liberties? When can they be limited?
2. What court cases have defined these limitations?
3. Understand the free exercise and establishment clauses
4. What rights of criminal defendants are outlined in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments?

Chapter 5 Public Opinion

1. Define public opinion and how it effects American politics
2. How do people for political attitudes and opinion?
3. What are some basic survey methods? How do politicians use the results?

Chapter 7 Political Parties

1. What is the role and purpose of a political party?
2. How do political parties function in the government and among the electorate?
3. How have minor parties shaped the American political landscape?
4. What are the benefits and drawbacks of the two-party system?

Chapter 8 Elections

1. What are the major rules and procedures of American elections?
2. How does the Electoral College work?
3. How are federal campaigns run and won?
4. What influences voter choice?

Chapter 9 Interest Groups

1. What’s the goal of an interest group? Why do people join?
2. How do interest groups interact with the government to change policy?
3. Why do different types of interest groups exist? What strategies do they use?

Chapter 10-13 Congress, POTUS, The Bureaucracy and SCOTUS

1. Understands the powers given to congress, POTUS and SCOTUS as outlined in the Constitution
2. How foes each branch check the other…be specific
3. In what ways does congress anticipate the actions of POTUS and change their behavior to pass as much legislation as possible?
4. In what ways does POTUS anticipate the actions of congress and change his actions respectively?
5. What’s judicial review?
6. What are the main functions of legislatures and bureaucrats? How do they work together? How do they compete?
7. How has presidential power changed since 1789?
8. How/why is the judicial branch insulated?
9. How’s the court set up? What’s the specific function at each level?
10. How is the legislative and executive branch set up (leaders, rules, appointments, elections)?
11. How are SCOTUS justices chosen?

Chapter 14 Civil Rights

1. How did the Civil War and Reconstruction set modern civil rights movement in motion?
2. Understand the Civil War/ Reconstruction amendments
3. How has the 14th amendment been applied to the states?
4. How has the civil rights movement expanded from a focus on African Americans to Women and other minority groups?
5. Understand important litigation and policy in the expansion of civil rights.

Landmark Cases Laws and Amendment

1. *Baker v. Carr* 1. 13th, 14th 15th Amendments
2. *Barron v. Baltimore* 2. 12th Amendment
3. *Brown v. Board of Education* 3. 17th Amendment
4. *Dennis v. United States* 4. 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments
5. *Engel v. Vitale* 5. Civil Rights Act of 1964
6. *Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith* 6. Voting Rights Act of 1965
7. *Everson v. Board of Education*
8. *Gideon v. Wainwright*
9. *Gitlow v. New York*
10. *Gregg v. Georgia*
11. *Griswold v. Connecticut*
12. *Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States*
13. *Lemon v. Kurtzman*
14. *Mapp v. Ohio*
15. *Marbury v. Madison*
16. *McCulloch v. Maryland*
17. *Miller v. California*
18. *Miranda v. Arizona*
19. *National Socialist Party of America v. Skokie*
20. *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*
21. *Plessy v. Ferguson*
22. *Regents of the University of CA v. Bakke*
23. *Roe v. Wade*
24. *Roth v. United States*
25. *Schenk v. United States*
26. *Texas v. Johnson*
27. *Tinker v. Des Moines*
28. *United States v. Nixon*
29. *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services*
30. *West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette*