Unit 2 Study Guide

Constitutional Foundations

Test Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017

1. Explain **the Five Concepts of Democracy** and give an example of each (See PPT and project)
   1. Worth of the Individual
   2. Equality of all People – does this mean equality of results or equality of opportunity?
   3. Majority Rules, Minority Rights
   4. Necessity of Compromise
   5. Individual Freedom
2. Re-read the **Declaration of Independence**
   1. Identify the structure – What are the four parts?
   2. Who did we declare independence from?
   3. What date was it written and by whom?
   4. Who is “He” referring to as committing a long train of abuses?
   5. What are our inalienable rights according to the document?
3. **Articles of Confederation** – this was our first form of government
   1. Identify the weaknesses of this document
4. Constitutional Convention
   1. What year was our Constitution written and by whom?
   2. What year was it ratified?
   3. In what city did did the convention take place?
   4. How many states were required to ratify it?
   5. Who is considered the father of the Constitution?
   6. **Compromises at the Convention**
      1. Define the Virginia Plan
      2. Define the New Jersey Plan
      3. What types of states would favor each of the above?
      4. How did the Great Compromise solve the differences between those two plans?
      5. What is the name of the compromise that solved the issue of slave representation?
      6. Which group favored the passage of the Constitution?
      7. Which group opposed the passage of the Constitution
      8. What finally convinced the group who opposed to agree?
5. **Structure of the Constitution**
   1. Name the three parts of the Constitution
   2. How many Articles are there?
   3. How many amendments?
   4. What are the first ten amendments called
   5. What does the word “amend” mean?
   6. What fraction of Congress is required to propose an amendment?
   7. What fraction of states is required to ratify an amendment?
   8. Define the Supremacy Clause
6. Explain the meaning of **the Six Principles of the Constitution** and give an example
   1. Popular Sovereignty
   2. Limited Government
   3. Separation of Powers
   4. Checks and Balances
   5. Judicial Review
   6. Federalism
7. Explain what is meant by **Federalism**
   1. Explain the Full Faith and Credit Clause
   2. Explain the Privileges and Immunities Clause
   3. Define Extradition