**2014 AP Unit 5 – The US Constitution: Background, Articles & Amendments**

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| Jan.  - | 28 T  Late | Evaluation of Previous Semester & Anticipating the Coming Semester +  Overview of the Constitution: History and Structure | - |
|  | 29 W  *Late* | Q: **The Critical Period**: Articles of Confederation, Shay’s Rebellion, and the Constitutional Convention (Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Connecticut Compromise, 3/5 Compromise), Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists, Federalist Papers, Ratification  **Form Federalist Papers Extra Credit Teams for After-School Friday Feb. 7** | *All Read* Federalist #21 *after* you read the introductory material  Choose your readings:  A. Read the following links at  <http://www.ushistory.org>  US History Section:  Articles of Confederation (14b) Shay’s Rebellion (15a)  The Philadelphia Convention (15 b – 15d)  Ratification (16 a – e)  B. McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:  Ch. 6 (p. 79 - 81)  C. MAG pp. 44 - 58 |
|  | 30 Th | Q: Two Contrasting Views of the Constitution: Bancroft & Beard  **Film: The Preamble**  Basic Structure of the Constitution | *All Read*: Howard Zinn:  “Ch. 5 - A Kind of Revolution” from A People’s History of the United States pp. 90 - 102 (handout)  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5: Ch. 6 (p. 82 - 85)**  **Or MAG pp. 64 - 74** |
|  | 31 F | Q: House and Senate – Gerrymandering & The Influence of Dark Money | *All Read*: Article I: sec. 1 – 4 +  Amendments 16 and 17  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 12 (Legislative Branch)**  **Or MAG 260 - 374** |
|  | 1 Sa | Extra Credit Superquiz | - |
| Feb. | 3 M | Q: Legislative Mechanics and Powers & Corporate Influence  **Film: I’m Just a Bill** | *All Read*: Article I: sec. 5 – 7  *All Read*: Will Potter: “Are You Now, or Have You Ever Been a Vegetarian?” from Green is the New Red |
| - | 4 T  Late | **Film: A Perfect Candidate - 1 +**  **(Meet the Candidates)**  **Open Secrets Secrets Mission:** For the eight members of Congress listed. What are their names & where are they from? How much money do they gather & who do they get it from (top donors)? How much do they spend, and where do they spend it? | <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/>  Look up the names and Home states of the Speaker of the House, House Majority Leader, House Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, YOUR House Representative, & YOUR two Senators  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 10 (Voting) \*\*OR\*\***  **MAG pp. 146 - 203** |
|  | 5 W | **Film: A Perfect Candidate - 2** | *Optional* readings:  ALEC- History: <http://www.alec.org/about-alec/history/>  Organizational Chart:  <http://www.alec.org/wp-content/uploads/Alec_Infographic_jpg.jpg>  Anti-ALEC Resources: [http://www.thenation.com/article/161978/alec-exposed#](http://www.thenation.com/article/161978/alec-exposed) |
|  | 6 Th | **Film: A Perfect Candidate – 3 +**  Q: ALEC & the Koch Brothers | Jane Mayer in The New Yorker on the Koch Brothers <http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2010/08/30/100830fa_fact_mayer?currentPage=all> |
|  | 6 Th  Night | **Open House Extra Credit** | - |
| --- | 7 F  Min. | Powers of Congress  Lunch Session Required | Article I: sec. 8  Federalist #51 |
| \*\*\* | 10 M | **Lincoln’s Birthday: NO SCHOOL** | - |
|  | 11 T | Congress, States, and People  Gay Marriage & Marijuana | Article I: sec. 9 – 10  Article IV  Amendments 9 – 10  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 7 (Federalism)**  **MAG pp. 88 - 109** |
|  | 12 W | Q: The Presidency: Personality and Religion | Article II + Amendments 12, 20, 22, and 25 +  Randall Balmer: God in the White House (excerpt)  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 13 (Executive Branch)** |
|  | 13 Th | Q: The Judiciary  Lunch Session Required | Article III + Amendment 11 + “Doing the Most Important Kind of Nothing” from Parliament of Whores by P.J. O’Rourke (handout)  Federalist #78  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 14 (Judicial Branch)** |
|  | 14 F | Amending the Constitution, Wedge Issues, & Corporate Personhood  **Film: I’m An Amendment to Be**  Lunch Session Required | Article V - VII + Amendments 18, 21, 27  Federalist #10  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 6 (pp. 83 - 85)** |
| \*\*\* | 17 M | **Washington’s B-day: NO SCHOOL** | - |
|  | 18 T | Amendment 1 - Religion: Establishment vs. Free Exercise; Public Schools, God, and the Pledge of Allegiance | History of The Pledge: <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>  At the Oyez site: (www.oyez.org)  Minersville v. Gobitis (1939) West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette (1942)  Abington School District v. Schempp (1962)  The Newdow Case (2004)  <http://www.oyez.org/cases/2000-2009/2003/2003_02_1624>  Inaugural and Ceremonial Oaths (Newdow 2010): <http://www.scotusblog.com/2010/05/the-official-oath-survives/>  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 15 (pp. 173 - 175)** |
|  | 19 W | Amendment 1 & 7: Assembly/Petition –Tort Reform  **Film: Hot Coffee**  **+ Lunch Session** | **Ask your Parents:** *What do they know about the McDonald’s Hot Coffee Case?*  All Read: “Tricks of the Trade: How Insurance Companies Deny, Delay, Confuse and Refuse”  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 15 (pp. 175 - 177)** |
|  | 20 Th | Amendment 1: Press and Speech  **Film: A Civil Action - 1** | Chomsky: “What I’d Like to See on Front Pages of Newspapers” <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/noam-chomsky-what-id-like-to-see-on-front-pages-of-newspapers-29654898.html> |
| + | 21 F | Amendment 1 & 7: Assembly/Petition  **Film: A Civil Action – 2**  **+ Lunch Session**  Quiz on Oil Cases | Doe vs. Exxon: <http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2012/10/did-exxon-pay-torturers>  Kiobel vs. Royal Dutch Shell: <http://www.scotusblog.com/?p=152899> |
|  | 24 M | Q: Amendments 1: Petition – does it apply Internationally?  **In-Class Discussion** | Kiobel vs. Royal Dutch Shell  <http://www.harvardilj.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/HILJ-Online_52_Giannini_Farbstein1.pdf> |
| - | 25 T  Late | Amendments 4 – 8:  Search and Seizure and the Rights of the Accused  **Film: Drugs & The Supreme Court (ACLU) + Lunch Session** | Board of Education v Earls (2009) – Summary at Oyez: <http://www.oyez.org/cases/2000-2009/2001/2001_01_332>  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 15 (pp. 178 - 179)** |
|  | 26 W | Nationalization of Bill of Rights, Naturalization, Equal Protection & Due Process Redux +  Limon vs. Kansas  Suffrage: Race, Class, Gender, Age (and Washington D.C.)  **Film: Lily Ledbetter** | Amendments 13 and 14 + 15,19, 23-24 & 26  Limon vs. Kansas Summary:  <http://www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights_hiv-aids/limon-v-kansas-case-background>  Lily Ledbetter v Goodyear <http://www.oyez.org/cases/2000-2009/2006/2006_05_1074>  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 15 (pp. 179 - 182)** |
|  | 27 Th | Q: Public Policy + Review | “The Mystery of Government” from Parliament of Whores by P.J. O’Rourke (handout)  **McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5:**  **Ch. 16 (Public Policy)** |
|  | 28 F | **Test on Case Law (Constitution Provided – no other notes or texts allowed)** | - |

Court Cases to Know

Right to Petition for Redress of Grievances

Liebeck v McDonald’s (1994)

Ledbetter v Goodyear Tire (2007)

Kiobel vs. Royal Dutch: <http://www.scotusblog.com/?p=152899>

Kiobel v Royal Dutch Shell

<http://www.harvardilj.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/HILJ-Online_52_Giannini_Farbstein1.pdf>

Doe v Exxon: <http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2012/10/did-exxon-pay-torturers>

Ecuador vs. Chevron

Equal Protection

Limon v Kansas (2000-5)

Search & Seizure

Board of Education v Earls (2002)

Pledge & Flags – Establishment Clause & Free Speech

Minersville v. Gobitis (1939)  
West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette (1942)

Abington School District v. Schempp (1962)

Newdow vs. US Congress (2004) and Newdow vs. Carey (2010)

Texas v Johnson (1989)

Guns (Winsdor?)

McDonald vs. Chicago (2010)

The Secret History of Guns: <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2011/09/the-secret-history-of-guns/308608/>

Freedom of an Armed Society:  
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/16/the-freedom-of-an-armed-society/>