**2021 Spring Q3 AP Unit 5 – A Kind of Revolution:**

*Friday Optional Sessions at 10:30 until AP Exams*

*Unit 5 Test is NO Notes – AP Multiple Choice Test*

The American Constitutional Revolution (1789)[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| Jan. | 20 W | **The Critical Period**:  (Lecture: From the Revolution to the Articles of Confederation, Shay’s Rebellion, and the Constitutional Convention, Structural Overview) | (Review MLKJr. Readings) |
|  | 21 Th | Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Anti-Federalist (Brutus I) and Federalist Papers Review: 10, 21, 51, 70, and 78 + Letter from a Birmingham Jail  H: Title, Date, Presumed Author(s), Main Point, Supporting Arguments, Memorable Quotes | • **AP Focus:** Articles of Confederation – <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/confederation.htm>  • **AP Focus:** Federalist Paper #21: <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/archive/resources/documents/ch07_02.htm> |
|  | 22 F | •Q: Two Contrasting Views of the Constitution: Bancroft & Beard  **Film: The Preamble**  Basic Structure of the Constitution  **Bring FULL Constitution! (From Here on Out!)** | •Howard Zinn:  “Ch. 5 - A Kind of Revolution” from A People’s History of the United States pp. 90 - 102 <https://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/zinnkin5.html>  (Begin half-way with: “*The inferior position of blacks, the exclusion of Indians from the new society, the establishment of supremacy for the rich and powerful in the new nation-all this was already settled in the colonies by the time of the Revolution*.” and continue to the end.  Recommended Versions of the Constitution AND the Amendments (you will need BOTH - **print only, you do not need to read** anything but the Preamble): <https://www.printableconstitution.com/> |
|  | 25 M | \*Q: Article I, sec. 1 – 4 + Am. 16 & 17  House and Senate – Qualifications; Census and Race (Are You a Mexican?); Apportionment and Gerrymandering; Dick Cheney’s Tie-Breaking; Jim Jeffords’ Defection; Anthrax Attempts; Bill Clinton’s Cigar; Income Tax & Senatorial Elections  Do the “**Gerrymander THIS!”** Activity  X X O X O  X X X O O  O X X X O  (**BRING CONSTITUTIONS**!) | \*Article I, sec. 1 – 4 +  \*Amendments 16 and 17  Haberman, Clyde “The Odd Political Alliance Behind Today’s Gerrymandering” New York Times, May 28, 2018 <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/28/us/30retro-gerrymandering-districts.html>  §**AP Focus:** *Baker v. Carr* (1961) – can federal courts hear redistricting cases?  §**AP Focus:** *Shaw v Reno* (1993) – what role should race have in redistricting? (Look up what the two sides of the case were, and what their arguments were, and who won and what principle it established; Start with looking at <https://www.oyez.org/>  then look at Wikipdeia: <https://www.wikipedia.org/> ) |
|  | 26 T | §Q: Article I, sec. 5 – 7 + Videos  The Tragic Tale of Tom Watson; The 1856 Sumner-Brooks Caning; How a Bill Becomes a Law (or not); ALEC; DACA, and Executive Orders | §Article I, sec. 5 – 7 +  §YouTube: Schoolhouse Rock: “I’m Just a Bill”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyeJ55o3El0>  Full Senator Feinstein/Sunrise Movement Video (2019): <https://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/regional/the-west/article226669524.html>  §You Tube: “ALEC Rock”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXUPDAMc_6o>  “How a Bill Does Not Become a Law” (SNL): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUDSeb2zHQ0> |
|  | 27 W | ‡Q: Article I, sec. 8  Powers of Congress (or not)  California’s Rolling Blackouts of 1999 and FERC; Oversight, Confirmation, Impeachment, & Budgets | ‡Article I, sec. 8  ‡**AP Focus:** *Gibbons v Ogden* (1824) p.105  ‡**AP Focus:** *U.S. v. Lopez* (1995) – Federal Gun bans not justifiable with Commerce Clause |
|  | 28 Th | No Zoom Session | - |
|  | 29 F | ›Q: The Presidency: Campaigns, Qualifications, Executive Orders, and Powers  **Film: “Fahrenheit 11/9” (excerpts) - Opening sequence (0:00 – 7:00),**  **The Real America (35:00 – 49:00),  Squad + Tillemann + WV Teacher Strike for Unions (1:03:00 – 1:20:00)** | ›Article II + Amendments 12, 20, 22, & 25  ›**AP Focus:** *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* (2004)  National Popular Vote “Two-Thirds of Presidential Campaign is in Just 6 States” (2016) <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/campaign-events-2016>  Compare to 2020:  <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/map-general-election-campaign-events-and-tv-ad-spending-2020-presidential-candidates>  `  Required Reading: Jim Hightower, “How Florida Democrats torpedoed Gore” in Salon <https://www.salon.com/2000/11/28/hightower/>  **Ex. Cr. After School Film: 3:30 – 6:30 Vice (2019)** |
| Feb. | 1 M | Party Affiliation  **Political Compass: We Take the Quiz!** <https://www.politicalcompass.org/>  Then read the “US Election 2016” and “Candidates 2020” Article  <https://www.politicalcompass.org/counterpoint-20161110>  Create Class “Map” on Posterboard | - |
|  | 2 T | Q: Court Cases Matching Quiz  (No Notes)  The Federal Judiciary +  The Principle of Judicial Review  In-Class Supreme Court Update Activity | Article III + Amendment 11 +  **AP Focus:** *Marbury v Madison* (1803)  **AP Focus:** *Hamdi v Rumsfeld* (2004) – Courts are not required to defer to declarations of executive power |
|  | 3 W | Inferior Courts & Civil Cases  **Film: Hot Coffee**  **For those who miss the film in class:**  Bonnie Bertram, “Storm Still Brews Over Scalding Coffee” New York Times (2013) <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/28/booming/storm-still-brews-over-scalding-coffee.html?_r=0> | **Ask your Parents:** *What do they know (if anything) about the McDonald’s Hot Coffee Case? (Do NOT research it before you ask)*  ◊**AP Focus:** *Liebeck v McDonald’s\** (1994) –Coffee case which became central to Tort (De-)Re-form  ◊Amendment 1 & 8: Right to Petition, Civil Courts and Tort “Deform”  **Ex. Cr. After School Film! 3:30 – 6:30**  **“Unprecedented” (2002)** |
|  | 4 Th | NO ZOOM SESSION  ◊Q: Federalism (& State Law vs. Federal Law; Supremacy Clause, States’ Rights & Religious Tests) | ◊Article I, sec. 9 – 10 + Article IV & VI  ◊Amendments 9 – 10  ◊Becky Streipe, “What Happens When a State Law Contradicts a Federal Law?” in How Stuff Works (2012) <http://people.howstuffworks.com/state-law-contradicts-federal-law.htm/printable>  ◊**AP Focus:** *McCulloch v Maryland* (1819)  ◊**AP Focus:** *Massachussetts v. EPA* (2007) |
|  | 5 F | Constitutional Amendments, Prohibition, Repeal, the E.R.A., Wedge Issues, and an Inspirational Tale  •You Tube: The Simpsons “I’m an Amendment to Be” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSANTRnEBgg> | •Article V + Amendments 18, 21, 27  **Ex. Cr. After School Film! 3:30 – 6:30**  **“A Civil Action” (PG-13, 1998)** |
|  | 8 M | •Q: Amendment 1 – Religion: Establishment vs. Free Exercise; Flag Salutes in Public Schools, God, Prayer, Bible Study, Bible Recitation, Atheists and the Amish, Evolution, and the Pledge of Allegiance  Court Cases Review | •Amendment 1 – Religion  •Scott Bomboy, “The history of legal challenges to the Pledge of Allegiance” from The National Constitution Center (2019): <https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/the-latest-controversy-about-under-god-in-the-pledge-of-allegiance>  •**AP Focus:** *Minersville School District v. Gobitis* (1940)  •**AP Focus:** *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette* (1943)  •**AP Focus:** *Engel v Vitale* (1962)  •**AP Focus:** *Abington v Schempp* (1963)  •**AP Focus:** *Wisconsin v Yoder* (1972)  •**AP Focus:** *Elk Grove v Newdow* (2004) |
|  | 9 T | Amendment 1 – Speech & Press: Slander, Libel, Hate Speech, Fighting Words, “Clear & Present Danger”, Symbolic Speech, Peaceable Assembly, Trigger Warnings, and Safe Spaces  °Van Jones at the University of Chicago (2017): *5 minutes*  <http://politics.uchicago.edu/news/entry/clip-van-jones-on-safe-spaces-on-college-campuses> | °Amendment 1 – Speech, Press, Assembly, & Petition  °Chris Bodenner, “The Surprising Revolt at the Most Liberal College in the Country” in The Atlantic (2017)  <https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2017/11/the-surprising-revolt-at-reed/544682/>  °**AP Focus:** *Schenck v US* (1919) – War authority can establish “clear and present danger”  °**AP Focus:** *Tinker v Des Moines* (1969) – Symbolic speech is constitutional  °**AP Focus:** *New York Times v US* (1971) – Prior restraint is unconstitutional  °**AP Focus:** *Hustler Magazine v. Falwell* (1988) – public figures cannot sue for emotional damage from satire |
|  | 10 W | ›Q: Amendments 1, 4, 5, and 14  Search & Seizure, Warrants, Privacy, Abortion, Citizenship (*Jus Soli*), Due Process, Equal Protection, [Homo]sexual Rights, and the Nationalization of the Bill of Rights | Amendments 4, 5 and 14 +  ›ACLU:“Limon vs. Kansas – Case Summary” (2005)  <http://www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights_hiv-aids/limon-v-kansas-case-background&>  ›“Gay Rights in the US, State by State” in The Guardian (2015)  <https://www.theguardian.com/world/interactive/2012/may/08/gay-rights-united-states>  Focus on the following seven states and three regions: CA, TX, MI, MN, NY, UT, and MS; the Southwest, the Northeast, and the Southeast.  ›**AP Focus:** *Roe v Wade* (1972) - Legalizes abortion nationally  ›**AP Focus:** *Mapp v Ohio* (1961) – Initiates exclusionary rule on searches  ›**AP Focus:** *Hardwick v Bowers* (1986) – States have the right to outlaw homosexual practices  ›**AP Focus:** *Lawrence v Texas* (2003) – Overturned Bowers; no state interest in regulating consensual adults  ›**AP Focus:** *Limon v Kansas\** (2005) – Challenged the heterosexual exclusivity of “Romeo and Juliet” laws  ›**AP Focus:** *Obergefell v Hodges* (2015) – Legalizes same-sex marriage nationally |
|  | 11 Th | The Constitution is Dead, Dead, Dead.  Grand Jury, Double Jeopardy, Self-Incrimination, Due Process, Eminent Domain  Rights of the Accused/Guantanamo  Bail, Fines, and Cruel and Unusual Punishment | \*Amendments 5 – 8  \*Andrew Cohen, “Some Constitutional Amendments are More Equal Than Others” in The Atlantic (2012)  <https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2012/07/some-constitutional-amendments-are-more-equal-than-others/260322/>+  \*Jacob Hornberger, “Guantanamo and the Bill of Rights” in the Future of Freedom Foundation (2013)  <https://www.fff.org/2013/05/09/guantanamo-and-the-bill-of-rights/>  **\*AP Focus:** *Kelo v New London* (2005) – Allows eminent domain confiscation for private developers  \***AP Focus:** *Gideon v Wainwright* (1963) – States must provide defense counsel  **\*AP Focus:** *Miranda v Arizona* (1966) – law enforcement must inform about rights of suspects |
|  | 12 F | §Q: “Minority” Rights, Suffrage, Civil Rights, and Corporate Personhood | §Amendments 13, 15, 19, 23, 24, & 26  §Gabrielle Levy, “How *Citizens United* Has Changed Politics in 5 Years” in US News & World Report (2015) <https://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2015/01/21/5-years-later-citizens-united-has-remade-us-politics>  **§AP Focus:** *Dred Scott v Sandford* (1857) – men of African descent can’t be citizens  **§AP Focus:** *Plessy v Ferguson* (1896) – establishes constitutionality of “separate but equal”  §**AP Focus:** *Brown v Board of Ed* (1954) – overturns *Plessy v Ferguson*  §**AP Focus:** *Loving v Virginia* (1967) – freedom to marry persons of another race cannot be infringed  §**AP Focus:** *Regents of the University of California v Bakke* (1978)  §**AP Review:** *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010)  **Ex. Cr. After School Film! 3:30 – 6:30**  **“Gasland – Part II” (NR, 2014)** |
|  | 15-19 | **Presidents’ Recess**  **Unit 5 AP No-Notes Multiple-Choice Test (55 Questions) + Supreme Court & Document Matching (45 Matching)** | Read for your Topic |

**Activity: Gerrymander THIS!**

9 X’s and 6 O’s

Step 1: Create Three “Fair”, contiguous, equal sized Districts; explain why they are “fair”

Step 2: Create Three contiguous, equal sized Districts that clearly Favor X

Step 3: Create Three contiguous, equal sized Districts that clearly Favor O

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1. Revised Jan. 18th, 2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)