

American Democracy

Study Guide – Unit 1: Foundations

Chapters 1-4 & 24

Vocabulary

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| 1. government | 21. act of admission | 41. pardon |
| 2. nation | 22. grants-in-aid | 42. commutation |
| 3. state | 23. revenue sharing | 43. reprieve |
| 4. public policy | 24. categorical grant | 44. parole |
| 5. sovereign | 25. block grant | 45. Medicaid |
| 6. unitary | 26. interstate compact | 46. welfare |
| 7. confederation | 27. Supremacy Clause | 47. entitlement |
| 8. oligarchy | 28. Full Faith & Credit Clause | 48. sales tax |
| 9. constitution | 29. extradition | 49. use tax |
| 10. Constitution | 30. popular sovereignty | 50. regressive tax |
| 11. electoral college | 31. limited government | 51. income tax |
| 12. federalism | 32. fundamental law | 52. progressive tax |
| 13. division of powers | 33. initiative | 53. property tax |
| 14. delegated powers | 34. statutory law | 54. assessment |
| 15. expressed powers | 35. police power | 55. inheritance tax |
| 16. implied powers | 36. constituent power | 56. estate tax |
| 17. inherent powers | 37. referendum | 57. budget |
| 18. reserved powers | 38. recall | 58. John Locke |
| 19. concurrent powers | 39. item veto | 59. Thomas Hobbes |
| 20. enabling act | 40. clemency | 60. Montesquieu |

Discussion questions

1. What was the background of *McCulloch v. Maryland* and how was it settled?
2. Discuss the four functions of good government stated in the Preamble to the Constitution. Be sure that you name, describe and give an example for each.
3. How may a state be formed from the territory of another state? Discuss the admission of West Virginia. In your opinion was it constitutional? Support your opinion.
4. What is the significance of the Full Faith and Credit Cause? What are the exceptions? What impact could California's gay marriages have on other states where gay marriages are not permitted?
5. Discuss judicial review. What is it? How was it achieved? Who was involved? Why is it important?
6. Compare and contrast the principles of the California Constitution with the US Constitution.
7. Discuss the differences between ballot initiatives and referendums in California. How are they different from recalls?
8. Discuss the most important role of the governor. Why is that more important than any other role?
9. What happens when the state legislature does not pass a budget? Should the residents of California be able to force the legislature to act? How?

Court Cases

1. Marbury v. Madison
2. McCulloch v. Maryland
3. Williams v. North Carolina