

**AP US Government & Politics**  
**Unit 1: Constitutional Underpinnings**  
**HW Ch 2: *The US Constitution***  
**Due: Friday September 21, 2018**

Read Ch 2 in the textbook *Government in America*. Then answer the questions below AND define the terms.

**Chapter 2: The Constitution**

1. The **Declaration of Independence** contains the keys of the U.S.' democratic philosophy. Describe why it was written and its significance?
2. John Locke's ideas greatly influenced the Declaration of Independence and the Founders of the US Constitution. (a) Who was **John Locke**? (b) Describe his ideas about **natural rights**, **consent of the governed** and **limited government**.
3. (a) How was power distributed under the **Articles of the Confederation**? (b) In what ways did this structure lead to its failure?
4. What is the significance of **Shays' Rebellion** as it relates to the failure of the Articles of Confederation?
5. (a) What is a **faction**? (b) What did Madison and other Framers of the Constitution think of them?
6. (a) Distinguish between the **New Jersey Plan** and the **Virginia Plan**. (b) Describe the **Connecticut Compromise**.
7. The original constitution listed very few protections for citizens /civil liberties. (a) Describe the protections offered under the Constitution. (b) Why were there so few?
8. The **Madisonian Model** of government sought to limit control of the government by the majority. Provide TWO examples of how this was achieved in the original U.S. Constitution.
9. (a) Provide FIVE examples of **checks and balances** written into the US Constitution.
10. Why was a **federal** system of government desired by the Framers? List TWO reasons.
11. (a) Compare and contrast **federalists** and **anti-federalists** in terms of who they were and what they believed.
12. What is a **formal amendment** and how is it different than an **informal amendment**?

**Terms.** Identify each term with (a) a definition (in your own words) AND (b) a reason the term is significant OR an example of the term.

Constitution  
Federalism  
Rule of Law

Republic  
Bill of Rights  
*Marbury v. Madison*

Three-Fifths Compromise  
Federalist Papers  
Judicial review