

Chapter 2 and 3 - Constitutional Political Events Assignment

Among other issues discussed in Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, we are studying the creation the various branches of government by the Constitution and the constitutional principles embedded in the system.

Your assignment:

Find a recent news article or listen to a podcast (NPR stories are available on line) on a political event which involves at least one branch of government. Read it carefully, write a very brief paragraph summary, and **THEN RELATE IT TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES DISCUSSED IN CLASS.**

For instance, about a year ago, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), informed Michigan and other states of a reduction in the rules for converting power plants under the Clean Power Plan. Of what is this an example? Another example: the December budget talks between President Trump and the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell. Of what is this an example?

Caution: Impeachment of the President is currently omnipresent and important. You can choose this, BUT BE VERY CAREFUL WITH ANSWERING THE ASSIGNED QUESTION.

Suggested sources of news are: The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, the PBS New Hour, National Public Radio, CNN. Each of these news outlets has websites that post articles and podcasts. If you happen to use a podcast , from NPR for example, print out the transcript to turn in with your summary.

Key Principle of Government: Allow participation but control power

- Popular Sovereignty:
- Limited Government:
- Separation of Powers: among branches
Legislative/Executive/Judicial
- Checks and balances: each branch can
control the power of the others
- Federalism: power divided among
national and state governments
- Judicial Review:

Format of the Assignment:

- 2 pages typed is your target. Minimum 1.5 full and complete pages.
- Double spaced, standard fonts and sizes, etc. Margins are to be .75 in. on all edges.
- Handwritten pieces may be submitted, but do so with care and clarity. 3 pages is the target with handwritten items.
- Label top of page with: Name, Course, Hour, Date.
- Give a thesis sentence, use some supporting evidence and analysis, and state a conclusion.
- DON'T REPEAT THE ARTICLE, **OR** USE LARGE BLOCKS OF CUT AND PASTE WORK.
- Give proper citation for your article: Let's look at the Purdue University MLA Website together -
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- Attach your transcript or reprinted article.

I will read and quote from some of your articles in class after they are turned in.

Complete the above: 16 pts total possible.

Rubric:

Use of evidence, discussion of ideas, and includes your analysis: 6 pts.

Is there a proper *thesis statement* used in the introduction?: 2 pts.

Correct identification and review of Constitutional Principle: 6 pts.

Citation used appropriately: 2 pts.

Lack of attached article or citation: subtracts up to 8 points.

Go for it, have some fun, Show me your best work!

Due: _____ January 6, 2020 NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE WORK. YOU HAVE 19 Days to get this completed.