

COURSE READINGS

CONSTITUTION 101: THE MEANING AND HISTORY OF THE CONSTITUTION

PRE-COURSE READINGS

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

“THE AMERICAN MIND”

WEEK 1 — LARRY P. ARNN

LETTER TO HENRY LEE ∞ *Thomas Jefferson*

ON THE COMMONWEALTH ∞ *Marcus Tullius Cicero*

NICOMACHEAN ETHICS ∞ *Aristotle*

THE POLITICS ∞ *Aristotle*

DISCOURSES CONCERNING
GOVERNMENT ∞ *Algernon Sidney*

SECOND TREATISE OF GOVERNMENT ∞ *John Locke*

FRAGMENT ON THE CONSTITUTION
AND THE UNION ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

THE INSPIRATION OF THE
DECLARATION ∞ *Calvin Coolidge*

“THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE”

WEEK 2 — THOMAS G. WEST

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

LETTER TO HENRY LEE ∞ *Thomas Jefferson*

AN ELECTION SERMON ∞ *Gad Hitchcock*

COMMON SENSE ∞ *Thomas Paine*

VIRGINIA DECLARATION
OF RIGHTS ∞ *George Mason*

THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE

ANNUAL MESSAGE
TO CONGRESS ∞ *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

“THE PROBLEM OF MAJORITY TYRANNY”

WEEK 3 — DAVID BOBB

FEDERALIST 10 ∞ *James Madison*

CIRCULAR LETTER
TO THE STATES ∞ *George Washington*

LETTER TO JOHN JAY ∞ *George Washington*

NOTES ON THE STATE OF VIRGINIA,
QUERY XIII: CONSTITUTION ∞ *Thomas Jefferson*

VICES OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM
OF THE UNITED STATES ∞ *James Madison*

“SEPARATION OF POWERS: PREVENTING TYRANNY”

WEEK 4 — KEVIN PORTEUS

FEDERALIST 47 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 48 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 51 ∞ *James Madison*

“SEPARATION OF POWERS: ENSURING GOOD GOVERNMENT”

WEEK 5 — WILL MORRISSEY

FEDERALIST 52 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 53 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 55 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 57 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 62 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 63 ∞ *James Madison*

FEDERALIST 70 ∞ *Alexander Hamilton*

FEDERALIST 71 ∞ *Alexander Hamilton*

FEDERALIST 73 ∞ *Alexander Hamilton*

FEDERALIST 78 ∞ *Alexander Hamilton*

MARBURY V. MADISON ∞ *John Marshall*

“RELIGION, MORALITY, AND PROPERTY”

WEEK 6 — DAVID BOBB

FAST DAY PROCLAMATION OF THE
CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

VIRGINIA DECLARATION
OF RIGHTS ∞ *George Mason*

MEMORIAL AND REMONSTRANCE AGAINST
RELIGIOUS ASSESSMENTS ∞ *James Madison*

LETTER TO THE DANBURY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ∞ *Thomas Jefferson*

THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE

LETTER TO THE HEBREW
CONGREGATION ∞ *George Washington*

FAREWELL ADDRESS ∞ *George Washington*

ON PROPERTY ∞ *James Madison*

“THE CRISIS OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT”

WEEK 7 — WILL MORRISEY

SPEECH ON THE
KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

DRED SCOTT V. SANDFORD ∞ *Roger Taney*

SPEECH ON THE DRED SCOTT
DECISION ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

A HOUSE DIVIDED ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

ADDRESS AT COOPER
INSTITUTE ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

“ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE CONSTITUTION”

WEEK 8 — KEVIN PORTTEUS

FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS
IN SPECIAL SESSION ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

THE EMANCIPATION
PROCLAMATION ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS ∞ *Abraham Lincoln*

“THE PROGRESSIVE REJECTION OF THE FOUNDING”

WEEK 9 — RONALD J. PESTRITTO

THE AMERICAN CONCEPTION OF LIBERTY ∞
Frank Goodnow

WHAT IS PROGRESS? ∞ *Woodrow Wilson*

LIBERALISM AND SOCIAL ACTION ∞ *John Dewey*

SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY ∞ *Woodrow Wilson*

“THE RECOVERY OF THE CONSTITUTION”

WEEK 10 — LARRY P. ARNN

COMMONWEALTH CLUB
ADDRESS ∞ *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

WHAT GOOD’S
A CONSTITUTION? ∞ *Winston Churchill*

ANNUAL MESSAGE
TO CONGRESS ∞ *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

REMARKS AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN ∞ *Lyndon B. Johnson*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT
HOWARD UNIVERSITY ∞ *Lyndon B. Johnson*

A TIME FOR CHOOSING ∞ *Ronald Reagan*

FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS ∞ *Ronald Reagan*