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**UNIT I HOMEWORK
THEORIES OF GOVERNMENT**

Directions: In the space below, take notes on the section in Chapter 1 of your text that's entitled How Power is Distributed in a Democracy (p. 8-11).

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**UNIT I HOMEWORK
THE CREATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Directions: In the space below, take notes on the section in Chapter 2 of your text entitled The Problem of Liberty (p. 17-27) and The Federalist Papers (p. 32-33).

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UNIT I HOMEWORK BRIA READINGS

Directions: Read the below listed BRIA. The first three are located online and the last one I will provide in class.

BRIA stands for Bill of Rights in Action and is a publication of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, an organization that I've worked with for over 20 years and which, among other things, sponsors the California State Mock Trial Competition).

Declaration of Independence

<http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-16-4-b.html>

Articles of Confederation

<http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-21-4-b.html>

Shays Rebellion

<http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-4-1-b-shays-rebellion-a-massachusetts-farmers-account.html>

The Major Debates at the Constitutional Convention

reading provided in class

All the above clarify important information that appears in your text and which directly relates to the homework assignment entitled The Creation of the Constitution. In this regard, take notes, in the space below, on those sections of the above-mentioned readings that clarify what's in the text.

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**UNIT I HOMEWORK
HISTORY OF FEDERALISM**

Directions: In the space below, take notes on the sections in Chapter 3 of your text that's entitled **The Debate on the Meaning of Federalism (p. 55-59); Federal-State Relations (59-64); The Slowdown in Free Money (p. 64-66); Federal Aid and Federal Control (p. 66-70); A Devolution Revolution (p. 70-72); and Congress and Federalism (p. 72.-75)**

Then, go to the online article entitled **The History of Federalism** and add to your notes anything you find of value.

The online History of Federalism article can be found at:
http://www.cas.sc.edu/poli/courses/scgov/History_of_Federalism.htm

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UNIT I HOMEWORK
CONGRESSIONAL ACTS AND THE EXPANSION OF FEDERAL POWER

Directions: In class recently, I made the statement that “the power of the federal government relative to the power of the state governments has increased since ratification of the United States Constitution.”

In many instances, this increase in power resulted from the passage of a congressional act – the most famous of these listed below:

National Voter Registration Act (1993)
American with Disabilities Act (1990)
Civil Rights Act (1964)
Clean Air Act (1956)

For this homework assignment, read the wikipedia articles relating to the four above listed congressional acts and then, in the space below, explain how each of these has increased the power of the federal government in comparison to the power of the states.

1. **National Voter Registration Act (1993)**
2. **American with Disabilities Act (1990)**
3. **Civil Rights Act (1964)**
4. **Clean Air Act (1956)**

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UNIT I HOMEWORK
JUDICIAL INTERPRETATION AND THE EXPANSION OF FEDERAL POWER

Directions: In class recently, I made the statement that “the courts, since ratification of the Constitution, have increasingly used their power to interpret various Constitutional clauses in order to expand federal power relative to the power of the state governments.”

This is especially true when it comes to the court’s interpretation of the three below listed

1. The Tax and Spend Clause
2. The Necessary and Proper Clause
3. The Commerce Clause

For this homework assignment, read the wikipedia articles relating to the three above listed congressional clauses and then, in the space below, explain how the courts have interpreted each of these in order to increase the power of the federal government in comparison to the power of the state governments.