Chapter 2 Reading Activity- Constitutional Democracy (pgs. 25-37)

I. Introduction (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Limited Government**

B. Define **Self Government**

II. Before the Constitution (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. *Critical Thinking*: Why would the British Empire have stayed out of affairs in America for much of early American history? Explain.

B. Define **Social Contract**

C. Define **Inalienable Rights**

D. *Critical Thinking*: What would life be like in a “state of nature” where no “social contract” existed? Explain.

E. Define **Constitution**

F. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think the Articles of Confederation could have been successful long term with some tweaks or was it inherently flawed and in need of replacement? Explain.

G. *Critical Thinking*: Why was Shays Rebellion such a threat to peace with in the United States? Explain.

III. Negotiating Toward a Constitution (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Virginia Plan**

B. Define **New Jersey Plan**

C. Define **Great Compromise**

D. *Critical Thinking*: As of 2014 the 21 smallest states in the United States had about the same population as California. Those smaller states have a total of 42 senators compared to California’s 2 senators. Do you think this is fair? Explain.

E. Define **Three Fifths Compromise**

F. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think the anti-slavery delegates at the Constitutional Convention agreed to the Three Fifths Compromise? Explain.

G. Define **Anti-Federalist**

H. Define **Federalist**

I. *Critical Thinking*: If you were living at the time of the debate over ratification of the Constitution do you think you would have favored the Federalist or the Anti-Federalist argument? Explain.

Quiz

Write two good multiple choice questions (not definitions, not T/F) based on your reading in this section. Be sure to mark your correct answer. Questions should have 4 answer choices.