**MSJC Political Science 101**

**Study Questions – Chapter 2**

NOTE: Sections marked with an asterisk (\*) must be read and questions answered at home. Sections without an asterisk will be covered in class.

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1. **Explain the Mayflower Compact. What was it and why was it necessary?**
2. **Why were the American colonies described as having a “mixed system” of colonial governance”? How were most of the early colonies governed?**
3. **Why was the “mixed system” of governors and assemblies breaking down from the 1760s?**
4. **What is meant by the Great Squeeze?**
5. **Describe the purposes and actions of the Sons of Liberty.**

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1. **Explain the two reasons the colonists ultimately fought the American Revolution.**
2. **Explain how Enlightenment ideas (John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, Adam Smith) influenced the American Revolution.**
3. **Explain the three main arguments in the Declaration of Independence.**

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1. **Explain what the government could and could not do under the Articles of Confederation.**
2. **Explain how Shays’ Rebellion signaled the need for a new government in America.**

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1. **Explain the Virginia Plan.**
2. **Explain the New Jersey Plan.**
3. **What were the major arguments between proponents of the Virginia Plan and New Jersey Plan?**
4. **Describe the Great Compromise.**
5. **Explain how states populations would be calculated under the Great Compromise.**
6. **Explain the argument and eventual Sectional Compromise about commerce.**

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1. **Describe the seven parts or articles of the Constitution.**
2. **Explain the core constitutional principal of the three branches of government.**
3. **Explain the core constitutional principal of separate institutions sharing powers.**
4. **Explain the core constitutional principal of checks and balances.**
5. **Explain the core constitutional principal of representative republicanism.**
6. **Explain the core constitutional principal of federalism.**
7. **Explain the core constitutional principal of reciprocity among states.**
8. **Explain the core constitutional principal of a fixed system open to change.**

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1. **How would the Constitution be ratified or approved?**
2. **Explain the major beliefs of the Federalist and Anti-Federalists?**
3. **How did the Federalists attempt to win ratification of the Constitution?**
4. **Explain the main arguments in Federalist #10.**
5. **Explain the main argument in Federalist #51.**
6. **Explain the Anti-Federalist 3 main objections to the Constitution.**
7. **Why did the Anti-Federalists eventually agree to ratify the Constitution?**
8. **Explain the major belief of the U.S.’ first political parties – the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans.**