

“A Nation of Liberty - A Nation of Laws”

Course Outline

Textually sound - Historically accurate - Professionally delivered

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Day 1

- Origins & types of governments
- Source of rights and legitimate purposes of governments
- Declaration of Independence
 - Distribute Founding Document booklets
 - Reasons for our Declaration
 - Principal elements of the Declaration
 - Principles of the Declaration

Day 2

- Declaration of Independence
 - Discuss Crown's abuses
 - “The Most Important Sentence”
- Need & reasons for the U.S. Constitution
- Separate States vs. Federal Government
 - Reasons for & against establishing a national government
 - Limitation of powers to protect the People & the states
- Democracy vs. Republic

Day 3

- Organization of the U.S. Constitution - The 7 Articles
- Principles of the U.S. Constitution
 - Limited Powers
 - Separated Powers
 - Checks & Balances and the Great Compromise
- Organization and Powers of the Federal government
 - the Congress: House & Senate law making
 - the President: Executive duties & the Electoral College
 - the Supreme Court: Judicial review

Day 4

- Carry over from Day 3 - the Supreme Court
- Operation of the Federal government - How a law is made
- The Bill of Rights
 - History & Reasons for Adopting
 - Generalized rights
 - Personal rights
 - Procedural rights

Day 5

- Carry over from Day 4 - the Bill of Rights
- Slavery: America's Original Sin and the Civil War Amendments
- Doctrine of Incorporation
- Citizenship & naturalization