

## Chapter 2 The State We're In: Washington

### The Design of Today's Democracy

#### Student Handout: Focused Notes

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##### Section 1: The design of today's democracy (pps. 16-17)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Basic Principles of Democracy			
Constitution			

##### Section 2: Separation of powers (pgs. 17-20)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Different kinds of government			

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Three Branches of Government			
Separation of Powers			

### Section 3: The rule of law (pg. 20)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
"Government of laws rather than a government of men"			

### Section 4: The importance of democratic institutions (pgs. 20-21)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Respect for institutions of government			

### Section 5: Majority rule, minority rights (pgs. 21-20)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Two ideas: majority rule and rule of law			

### Section 6: Federalism (pg. 22)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Division of responsibility			

### Section 7: Political parties (pgs. 22-26)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Two main parties			

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Conflicts that stand in the way to fairness in voting			

#### Section 8: The art of the possible (pgs. 26-27)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Compromises between people with differing opinions and points of view			

#### Section 9: The media (pg. 27)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
"The fourth estate," or fourth branch			

### Section 10: Immigration (pgs. 28-33)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Who came when, and where did they come from?			
Immigrants Refugees Undocumented immigrants			
Amnesty Citizenship Government Services			

### Section 11: The role of citizens: Elections (pg. 33)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Voting on elections and issues			

### Section 12: The role of citizens: Initiatives and referenda (pgs. 33-35)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Citizen control in government: Initiative			
Citizen control in government: Referenda			

### Section 13: The role of citizens: Running for office (pgs. 35-36)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Offices Money Transparency			

#### Section 14: Jury duty (pg. 36)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
Who serves and why?			

#### Section 15: Advocacy (pgs. 37-39)

Topic	Summary of information (bullet points)	Important or interesting quote	Questions you have
How do people make a difference?			
One person's opinion makes a difference			
Too young to vote? Don't let that stop you.			



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