Chapter 2 The State We’re In: Washington

The Design of Today’s Democracy

# Student Handout: Focused Notes

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

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

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

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| Different kinds of government |  |  |  |
| Three Branches of Government |  |  |  |
| Separation of Powers |  |  |  |

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

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| “Government of laws rather than a government of men” |  |  |  |

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

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| Respect for institutions of government |  |  |  |

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

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| Two ideas:  majority rule and rule of law |  |  |  |

## Section 6: Federalism (pg. 22)

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| Division of responsibility |  |  |  |

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

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| Two main parties |  |  |  |
| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| “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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Offices  Money  Transparency |  |  |  |

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

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

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

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