

Instructions for the September 15, 2020 Lecture

OK People,

How's everyone so far? We've got a relatively shorter lecture tonight, the presentation itself is pretty quick and then the usual reading, writing, and watching some docs that correspond with our discussions. Federalism is an important concept because very few democracies (maybe 15 out of 165) in the world are *federal* systems. So in many way we're unique (ahh, American Exceptionalism....isn't it *lovely!*). So your breakout for this week's lecture will be the following:

Lecture 4. The Federal System

Task 1: Read these instructions (easy peasy).

Task 2: Read Chapter 3 in the Heineman text (pp. 46-63)

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "The Federal System." Sick of me yet? Ugh. I am.

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (American Exceptionalism and the Politics of Fragmentation). You can find the question on the link titled "Lecture / Discussion Page" highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch this segment of *Book Club*. I'm not a giant fan of Ben Shapiro, but in this interview he's very lucid, interesting, and seems to have a very good grasp of some of our early history.

Task 6: Click the link titled "Discussion Board Question and Peer Responses for Video Presentation" and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one paragraph or so. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on the Canvas assignments page. Don't be late....

OK, so we're looking good. Next week we start our examination of the three branches of government. What a thrill that'll be!

See ya'll later,

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