

Week	General Description	Reading Ideas	Seminar Topic H period Fridays (9:20)
1 Sept 8	Constitutional Descriptions & Historical Underpinnings	Adkins (1) Constitution: Provisions Concerning Elections, & (42) Birch Bayh's Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Provide for Direct Popular Election of the President	Electoral College (History: Mr. Baldwin) Sept 12
2 Sept 15	Dangers of Political Parties & Role of the Media	Adkins (3) A. Hamilton's Letter to Edward Carrington, & 2 current news stories , & (2) Federalist Papers No. 10	Media Bias (Outside: Art Cummings) Sept 19
3 Sept 22	Follow the Money and Issues	Adkins (25) The Tillman Act, & (34) The Taft-Hartley Act, current articles on stem cells.	Issues: Stem Cells (Science Outside: Dr. Nicholson-Flynn) Sept 26
4 Sept 29	The PR Machine: Speech Making	Adkins (14) Lincoln "A House Divided", & Bryan's "Cross of Gold"	Rhetorical Speech (English: Mr. Danenbarger) Oct 3
5 Oct 6	Debating the Issues	Adkins (36) Kennedy – Nixon Debate, & Analyze current debate in classes (Paddy and Joyce can help)	Issues: Global Warming (Science Outside: Dr. Mattingly) Oct 10
6 Oct 13	Numbers	Adkins (37) Baker v Carr, & (48) Colorado Amendment, & Candidate tracking	Stats (Math Outside: Dr. Fine) Oct 17
7 Oct 20	Political Parties	Adkins (7) G. Washington's Farewell Address, & (12) Tocqueville's "Parties in the US", & Breitbart "Libertarian Barr", & Atlantic Articles	Issues: China (History Outside: Mr. Sylte) Oct. 24
8 Oct 27	Your Vote Counts	Articles (Atlantic)Adkins (46) National Commission on Federal Election Reform, & Votegopher.com – tracking your candidate, current articles on security (Patriot Act?)	Issues: National Security (Outside: Cofer Black) - may change Oct 31
9 Nov 3	Election Week	Current News, & Atlantic internet articles, (& mock election?)	No Friday Seminar – Watch election coverage together ? (Tuesday night)
10 Nov 10	The Aftermath	The Cabinet & Court & Congress, Stem Cell congressional committee, judicial activism	Congressman Chris Murphy Nov 14 (This may change to the next week or December)
11 Nov 17	Church & State	Constitution, judicial activism cont.	Church & State (Theology: Mr. Bonat) Nov 21
12 Dec 2 (Tues)	Political Satire	SNL, Colbert Report, Articles	Politics in Paint (Art: Ms. Tester) Dec 6
13 Dec 8	Tracking Promises	Final presentation prep	
14 Dec	Exams		

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