

# Government – Unit 1 Review Sheet

## Topics Covered:

- Introduction to U.S. Government
- Constitution & Bill of Rights
- Federalism

## Key Concepts:

- General ideas of John Locke and Thomas Hobbes
- The Social Contract idea (why people step away from the state of nature)
- Some key failings of the Articles of Confederation
- The Virginia Plan
- The New Jersey Plan
- The Connecticut (Great) Compromise
- Federalists and the Anti-Federalists (what did they each want?)
- Constitution – how it was a compromise between the small and big states
- Enumerated Powers, Implied Powers, Inherent Powers, Reserved Powers, Concurrent Powers
- Bill of Rights – Amendment System to the Constitution
- Familiarity with Amendments 1-10, 13-15
- Checks and Balances – how each branch checks the other branches (know at least one example of how each branch checks the other two)
- Layer Cake Federalism
- Marble Cake Federalism
- Fiscal Federalism – difference between “Carrot” approaches and “Stick” approaches
- Advantages and Disadvantages of National Policy vs. Local Policy
- Power of the Commerce Clause