

GOVERNMENT UPDATE 10.22

FEDERALISM PAPER – OUTLINE (this is only a recommendation)

- I. **Introduction**
 - **Strong Opening – Anecdote**
 - i. Introduce topic and stance with story (can be multiple paragraphs!)
- II. **Roots of Federalism**
 - a. What is [federalism](#)?
 - b. How does the US [Constitution](#) create [federalism](#)?
 - c. What was the goal of the [founding fathers](#) relating to shared power?
 - d. What does the Constitution say about State versus Federal powers?
 - i. [Delegated/Reserved/Implied/Denied](#)
 - ii. [10th Amendment](#) (may impact your topic)
 - e. What type of federalism [exists today](#)?
 - f. Why is the US considered to be under this type of federalism today?
 - i. If there is [conflict](#) over agreement to this, go with what suits your argument
 - g. Reiterate that your topic is controversial/unclear under the idea of federalism

T: Transition by stating what the arguments are (briefly – go into depth in body of paper)
- III. **History of Topic/Issue to Consider...**
 - a. **Relative Historical Events & Movements**
 - i. Anecdotal Evidence that may be helpful
 - ii. Factual Information (from credible resources)
 - iii. Statistics (from credible resources)
 - b. Financial Issues(if applicable)
 - c. Political Issues (Why different groups argue over this issue; **NOT morally though**)
 - d. Any relevant laws/actions (this will lead into part IV below)
- IV. **Supreme Court Cases (landmark cases for your topic...)**
 - a. **Historical Context of the Landmark Case**
 - b. **What laws and actions were interpreted**
 1. Present Chronologically and/or by Topic
 - c. **How they've interpreted the issue using various "[clauses](#)" & [Amendments](#)...**
 - d. **Overview and analysis of concurring/dissenting opinions**
 - i. What did the courts say about the issue in the scope of federalism?
- V. **Concessions (Acknowledgement of Counter Arguments)**
 - a. Briefly describe and present counter argument
 - b. Counter argue and reiterate why the opposing side is wrong/bad/not best
 - *Continue same format for counter arguments
- VI. **Solution**
 - a. What is a plausible solution
 - May look for what legislators/President are saying
 - May look in court opinions for what they suggest, sometimes even in *dissenting* opinions the judges propose ideas/solutions
 - b. Do any specific clauses come into consideration (Elastic/Commerce/Supremacy/etc.)?
 - c.. Why would the solution work (according the ^)
 - d.. How would the solution be proposed and accomplished
- VII. **Conclusion**
 - a. Reiterate federalism as a national discussion and controversial issue
 - b. What is the current status and progress of the issue?
 - c. Is it currently being debated in the 2016 election?
 - i. What are the stances of these leaders?
 - d. What to expect in the near future

KEYWORDS to mix and match...

Federalism, Supreme Court, Amendments, Landmark case, concurring, dissenting, types of federalism, modern federalism,