

## AP US Government & Politics – Required Foundational Documents

1. The Declaration of Independence
2. The Articles of Confederation
3. The Constitution
4. Federalist # 10
5. Brutus # 1
6. Federalist # 51
7. Federalist # 70
8. Federalist # 78
9. Letter From a Birmingham Jail
- Required Court Cases
  1. **Marbury vs Madison, 1803** - judicial review
  2. **McCulloch vs Maryland, 1819** - Does the federal government have implied powers and supremacy under the necessary & proper (elastic) clause and the supremacy clause?
  3. **United States vs Lopez, 1995** - Does Congress have the authority under the commerce clause to outlaw guns near schools?
  4. **Baker vs Carr, 1962** - Can the Supreme Court render judgment on the constitutionality of legislative districts? - established one person, one vote
  5. **Shaw vs Reno, 1993** – Does a congressional district, designed for the purpose of assuring a majority black population, violate the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment’s equal protection clause; yes, redistricting based on race had to meet a strict scrutiny test
  6. **Brown v Board of Ed, 1954**
  7. **Gideon v Wainwright, 1963**
  8. **Tinker v Des Moines, 1969**
  9. **Engle v Vitale, 1962**
  10. **Wisconsin v Yoder, 1972**
  11. **Schenck v US, 1919**
  12. **McDonald v Chicago, 2010**
  13. **Citizens United v FEC, 2010**
  14. **NY Times v US, 1971**
  15. **Roe v Wade, 1973**
  16. **Recommended Book: IN OUR DEFENSE: The Bill of Rights in Action – Alderman & Kennedy**

(limited number of copies available to borrow) See Mr. Skeen