**To what extent does the American system of federalism best serve We The People? DUE MONDAY OCT 30**

**THE GOAL OF THIS ESSAY IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE IF YOU THINK FEDERALISM IS A GOOD SYSTEM FOR AMERICA.**

**Some other questions to think about: Do you feel like it more helps or harms American democracy? Do you think it works well or nah? *(Please don’t be so colloquial in your essay!)* Does it create a strong or weak relationship between the national government and the states? Are federal/state “power-struggles” beneficial for American democracy?**

**~DO NOT PERSONALIZE/No using “I”, even though you are writing about what you think!**

Write a 500-750 persuasive essay (‘position paper”), answering the above question. You MAY NOT conduct outside research. You may ONLY use the sources provided to you during this unit. You must **BOLD FACE** or UNDERLINE your thesis statement/claim. Your claim should be substantiated by at least 3 examples. (Essentially, this can be a “5 paragraph essay”.)

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