

Constitutional Law: Prof. Meyerson

First two class assignments

Course Book: Stone, Seidman, Sunstein, and Tushnet, **Constitutional Law** (8th ed. 2018)

CLASS 1. Constitutional Theory

Please read the entire Constitution and pages 1 to the end of page 6

Be able to discuss the following:

- A) Identify at least three important differences between the Constitution and the Articles of Confederation.
- B) What explains the numbering used in the original (unamended) Constitution?
- C) What is the process for amending the Constitution?

CLASS 2. Democracy & Factions

Pp 9-13, 16-18, 25-34

In *Federalist* 10:

- A) What is a “faction,” why are they dangerous, and do we have any today?
- B) How does Madison say that the Constitution deals with the dangers of factions?

In *Federalist* 51:

- C) How does the Constitution prevent abuse of power?

In *Marbury*: Read the story of the case first [in "background" at end of case]

- D) Is the Supreme Court “undemocratic”? Why or why not?