Foundations of American Government:

1. Principles of Government:
   1. Responsibilities of National government
      1. Form a more perfect union
      2. Establish justice
      3. Insure domestic tranquility
      4. Provide for the common defense
      5. Promote the general welfare
      6. Secure the blessings of liberty
   2. Basic Concepts
      1. Worth of the individual
      2. Equality of all persons
      3. Majority rule, minority rights
      4. Necessity of compromise
      5. Individual freedom
   3. Constitutions six basic principles
      1. Popular sovereignty
      2. Limited government
      3. Separation of powers
      4. Checks and balances
      5. Judicial review
      6. Federalism
   4. National Constitution
      1. Seven Articles
         1. Legislature
         2. Executive
         3. Judicial
         4. Relations among states
         5. Provisions for amendment
         6. Supremacy of national law
         7. Ratification
      2. 27 Amendments
2. Federalism
   1. Division of Power
      1. Why: government threatens individual liberty so the power must be restrained and the best way to do that is by dividing that power
      2. Types of Power
         1. Exclusive National Powers
         2. Concurrent Powers
         3. State Powers
            1. Local governments derive their power from the states
            2. Local governments are a creation of the states
         4. Supremacy Clause
            1. Establishes the ladder law

U.S. Constitution, U.S. Treaties, Federal Laws, State Constitutions, State Statutes, Local laws

Very important to the court system

* + 1. National Governments Obligations to the States
       1. Republican Form of Government
       2. Invasion and Internal Disorder
       3. Respect for territorial integrity
    2. Cooperative Federalism
       1. Federal Money
       2. Help with Police and Military
       3. Data sharing (census bureau)
    3. State Aid
       1. States conduct elections
       2. Legal process of naturalization (state courts)
       3. State police agencies enforce federal law
    4. Interstate Relations
       1. Interstate compacts
       2. Full Faith and Credit
       3. Extradition
       4. Privileges and Immunities