**Unit 1 Philosophical Origins of Constitutional Government**

1. Introduction
   * 1. Definition of Constitutional Government
     2. Events that Shape Philosophers’ Thoughts
        1. Enlightenment – Age of Reason
        2. British History v. Continental Europe
     3. Thesis: The United States Constitution is the embodiment of Enlightenment thought as applied to government and politics.
2. Development of the “Liberal Democratic Tradition”
   * 1. Define Terms
     2. Classical Liberalism
     3. What is the “Natural State of Man”?
     4. Who or What is Sovereign in Society?
     5. What is the “Social Contract”?
     6. What is “Liberty” and what is the role of the State in Maintaining “Liberty”?