Week 7 (2/12-2/16)

Monday

-HW: Read New York Times: Federal Judge Strikes Down Texas Ban on Same Sex Marriage

-HW: Read text Chapter 16 pg. 430-435

-Review: Why do we need laws? Connect with John Locke – human nature (5)

-Class Discussion/Notes: statutes: Congress and State Legislatures: Criminal Law, Prosecutor, Defendant (10)

-Video: New York Times: Retro Report: Woman Burned by McDonald's Hot Coffee, Then the News Media s <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCkL9UlmCOE#t=51> (1)

-Partner Review: McDonald’s Hot Coffee Case (10)

-Class Discuss how is this case different from criminal law?

-Class discussion: facts you didn’t know. Significance? Which parts change your understanding? (10)

-Class discussion/notes: Civil Law “tort” (15)

Tuesday

-HW: Read textbook pg. 436-440

-Class Read: Article III Section 1. Significance? Court created? Who is responsible for setting up inferior courts? (5)

-Class Discussion/Notes: Types of Courts: Federal and State and Jurisdiction (10)

-Class Discussion/Notes: State Courts. Allowed by 10th amendment. (10)

-Partner: Read Handout: Federal Courts in American Government. Focus on District and Appellate (10)

-Class Discussion/Notes: Federal Court System: District and Appellate Courts (20)

-Connect with last nights article: Federal Judge in Texas and appeal to 5th circuit court of appeals in New Orleans

-View Map: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S.\_Court\_of\_Appeals

Wednesday

-HW: Read Upfront: 5 Things You Need to Know About the Supreme Court

-HW: Read textbook pg. 441-443

-Finish Discussion of District and Appellate Courts (10)

-Discuss Unit 6 most commonly missed MC (15)

-Discuss Unit 6 Free Response (15)

-Begin reading Upfront (10)

Thursday

-HW: Read textbook pg. 444-447

-Video: CNN: Supreme Court Secretly recorded on camera. <http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/27/politics/supreme-court-video> (5)

-Class Read: Article III Section 2: Jurisdiction. Significance or original jurisdiction? Appellate in all other cases (5)

-Class Discussion/Notes: Supreme Court. Connect to reading in Upfront (30)

Friday

-HW: Read textbook pg. 448-450

-Class Discussion Review/Finish Notes: Supreme Court (10)

-Partner: Review Federal Judge Strikes Down Texas’ Ban on Same Sex Marriage: Discuss significance of Texas Attorney General stating: “The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled over and over again that states have the authority to define and regulate marriage. If the 5th circuit honors those precedents then today’s decision should be overturned and the Texas Constitution will be upheld.” -Discuss the significance of stare decicis in U.S. judicial system (15)

-Class Discussion/Notes: Case Law/Stare Decision (15)

-Class analysis: Plessy v. Ferguson and Brown v. Board of Education: Majority opinions (10)