



# Unit 1 Culminating Discussion

Unfunded Mandates and the  
Politics of Federalism

# **Devolution Revolution**

- **Define the above term.**
- **Example: 104<sup>th</sup> Congress & AFDC**
  - **Block Grants**
  - **New Rules**
  - **Why did people support?**
- **Types of Grants & Examples**
  - **Operational, Capital, Entitlement**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Devolution**

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# **Devolution Revolution Legislation**

- **Explain how these exemplify the devolution of the 1990s:**
  - **The Welfare Reform Act of 1996**
  - **The Defense of Marriage Act of 1996**
- **What challenges have these laws faced recently?**
- **Is devolution dead?**
- **Is this an ideological practice?**

# Unfunded Mandates

- What exactly is an unfunded mandate?
- Why are unfunded mandates occurring more often than in the past?
- Are they Constitutional? Why or why not?
- Discuss each of the following laws:
  - ADA
  - Clean Air Act

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# Conditions of Aid

- Should the federal government tie money to federal aid?
- Why do they?
- What is the best argument for conditions of aid?
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- Discuss Race to the Top as an example.

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# **Studying for the Key Concepts AP Foundations Unit**

- Review all notes taken on your reading and in class discussions.
- Review power points on my website.
- Look over student hand outs & notes.
- Learn vocabulary and key concepts. If flashcards help, use them.
- Study over the structure of the DOI, AOC, Constitution, BOR, and the other amendments using CT sheet & notes.