

First Assignment

1) **Read:**

- a. *On Constitutional Amendments: (due Monday, January 12, 10:30am)*
 - i. Read Feldman & Sullivan on Article V, the part of the Constitution that describes Constitutional Amendments, 36–37
 - ii. Garrison, No Compromise with Slavery (Excerpt)
 - iii. <https://www.npr.org/2017/05/05/526900818/the-bad-grade-that-changed-the-u-s-constitution>
- b. *For Wednesday, Jan 14:*
 - i. Greene, “The AntiCanon” (Excerpt)
 1. Feldman & Sullivan, 22d Ed.
 - a. 474–81 (Stop before “Section 2. The Post-Civil War Amendments”)
 - i. Barron v Baltimore
 - ii. Dred Scott v Sanford
 2. Feldman & Sullivan, 21st Ed.
 - a. 459–67

2) **Identify A Constitutional Amendment Topic:** (due Monday, January 12, 10:30am)

- Find a topic in the Constitution that you think needs to change
 - This need not be on an issue we cover(ed) in class in Fall or Spring
 - Example 1:
 - A constitutional case that needs to be overruled (see Greene’s concept of an “Anticanon”)
 - Example 2:
 - Is there something that the Constitution fails to address? Does it fail to adequately account for a problem in federalism, executive powers? Congressional power? Is it silent on an important constitutional right?
 - Example 3:
 - Is there a text in the Constitution that you think should be changed?
- Why did you pick your topic?
 - Be prepared to discuss