Directions: Answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. The Harborside Company in California can be seen as a respected business. In what realm is Harborside an unlawful business? How are state and federal laws at odds?

2. Why does Akhil Reed Amar consider the writing of the Constitution the “hinge of history?” What was the real catalyst to drive the states to unite?

3. Why did the delegates call the Convention (1787)? What was the danger looming for Americans at the time? List some of the symptoms that illustrate our country was not doing well.

4. Who is the one person who had a plan for the new government? (Hint: Later, he would be given the title: “Father of the Constitution.”)

5. Give some examples of powers granted to the national government.

6. Give some examples of powers granted to the state governments.

7. What is the Commerce Clause? What does it really mean?
8. What is the Supremacy Clause? What does it really mean?

9. In 1861, what major crisis challenged the Constitution & our nation?

10. What did President Lincoln believe about secession?

11. Who is Gary Marbut? What is his view of the federal government?

12. Do you agree with the idea that states are “laboratories of democracy?” Give some examples of good ideas that have risen up from the states.

13. Why did the federal government build the Hoover Dam? How did the Hoover Dam support the prosperity of the Union?

14. What was the New Deal? What did it do to the size and scope of the national government?

15. In the 1950s & 1960s, the federal government used its new found power to tackle what social justice issue?

16. What was Wickard v. Filburn all about? What was the outcome of the case? How did it impact other states?

17. According to Jody Freeman, what are some of the reasons why the Fed’s should intervene with national standards?

18. According to the video, what is an “American Tradition”? 

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