

The Dirty Dozen

Assignment 1: Answer each of the following question by writing a well-structured paragraph.

1. How do the authors interpret the constitution?
2. What is the living document theory of the constitution, and what do the authors think about that theory?
3. What does enumerated mean? Give an example of its use and an explanation of that use.
4. Explain the meaning of the 9th amendment to the U.S. constitution.
5. Explain the meaning of the 10th amendment to the U.S. constitution.
6. What is the authors' purpose for writing this book?
7. Why is the book entitled *Dirty Dozen*?
8. Explain how each chapter is organized?

Assignment 2: Answer each of the following question by writing a well-structured paragraph (except for the question for which a definition is asked).

1. What is a Ponzi scheme?
2. In a court case, who is the plaintiff and who is the defendant?
3. In *Helvering v. Davis*, who was the plaintiff and who was the defendant?
4. Define parsimonious and write the sentence in chapter 1 in which the definiendum is used.
5. What is interstate commerce?
6. What is the General Welfare Clause of the U.S. Constitution?
7. What is the Hamiltonian view of the General Welfare Clause of the U.S. Constitution?
8. What is the Madisonian view of the General Welfare Clause of the U.S. Constitution?
9. Define congeal and write the sentence in chapter 1 in which the definiendum is used.
10. What is the *Helvering v. Davis* case about? (This answer should be at least half of a page)
11. Define abdication and write the sentence in chapter 1 in which the definiendum is used.
12. Give a summary of the case *South Dakota v. Dole*. (at least half of a page)
13. What is the purpose of the U.S. Constitution? (At least half of a page)

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Assignment 3: Answer each of the following question by writing a well-structured paragraph (except for the question for which a definition is asked).

1. Things were not just randomly put into the Constitution. Each item addressed a specific problem. Why was the commerce clause put into the Constitution?
2. Define balkanization and write the sentence on page 38 in which the definiendum is used.
3. What is meant by the statement on page 40 that the Federalist's idea was for the states to serve as fifty experimental laboratories?
4. What was the first case to limit the commerce clause after the ruling of *Wickard v. Filburn*. Give the details of that case. Explain the Federal Government's reasoning in that case.
5. Explain Justice Thomas's reasoning that according to the ruling in *Gonzales v. Raich* the Federal Government could now regulate quilting bees, clothes drive, and potluck suppers throughout the fifty states.
6. Define auxiliary and give the two sentences on page 48 in which the definiendum is used.

7. Give a summary of Wickard v. Filburn. (at least half of a page)
8. What was the case Gibbons v. Ogden about? (at least half of a page)

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Assignment 4: Answer each of the following question by writing a well-structured paragraph (except for the question for which a definition is asked).

1. Define abrogate and give the sentence in which the definiendum is used.
2. Who was Nero?
3. Explain what happened to John Trostel and his heirs.
4. Explain, in the context of this chapter, the sentence on the bottom of page 62 that states, "If the provisions of the Constitution be not upheld when they pinch, as well as when they comfort, they may as well be abandoned."
5. Summarize the case Home Building & Loan Association v. Blaisdell. (at least a half of a page)
6. Summarize the Gold Clause Cases.
7. Define moribund and progeny and write the sentence that contains the definienda. Then explain the sentence.
8. What is a breach of contract?
9. Give an example of a private contract that was not mentioned in this chapter.
10. What would constitute a breach of the example contract that you gave in number nine?

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Assignment 5: Answer each of the following question by writing a well-structured paragraph (except for the question for which a definition is asked).

1. Define egregious and give the sentence in which the definiendum is used.
2. According to the author, what are the problems associated with congress's delegation of its authority?
3. According to the author, what are some of the problems with administrative agencies?
4. What is the federal register?
5. What is a "tongue-in-cheek" expression? What does the author say on page 69 that is tongue-in-cheek?
6. Explain why small firms and companies have to pay disproportionately high regulatory costs? See bottom of page 69.
7. What significance does John Locke have to the topic of this chapter?
8. P. 71: Explain the statement "the evisceration of the nondelegation doctrine didn't happen overnight."
9. Explain the intelligible principle doctrine.
10. What is meant by a nonthreshold pollutant? Give an example of such a pollutant. Give an example of a threshold pollutant.

11. This chapter lists most of the current Supreme Court justices. Some of the justices listed have retired since the printing of this book. List the names of all of the current Supreme Court justices.
12. Explain the difference between the following two statements:
 - a. Is not permitted therefore is prohibited.
 - b. Is not prohibited therefore is permitted.