Political Science 120 B
American Government
Lecture 0: Course Overview
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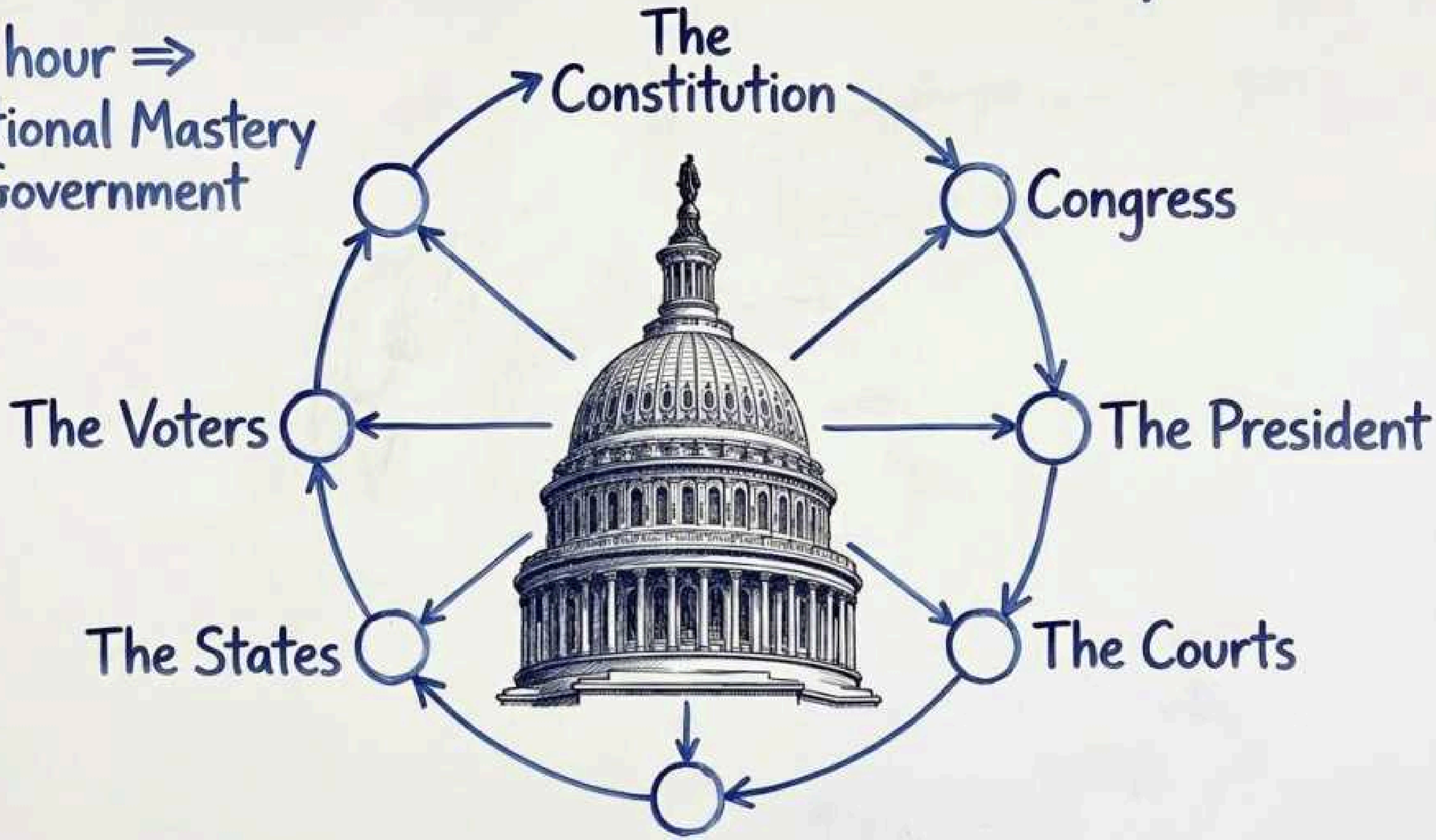
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Welcome to Anderson Academy

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$\Delta t \approx 1$ hour $\Rightarrow$
Foundational Mastery
of US Government



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Government Rules Shape Ordinary Life

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Prerequisites required: ∅

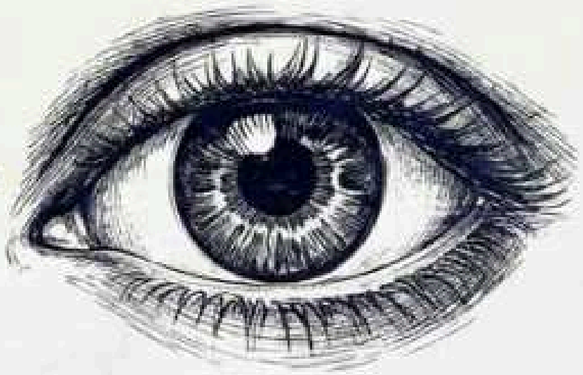
Government Rules —shape→ Taxes, Schools, Speech, Safety, Voting



If:
[Citizen understands the system]

→

Then:
[Follow news confidently]
+
[Take part effectively]
+
[Judge claims independently]



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Tracing the Framework of Government

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L1:
The Founding & Constitution
(Federalism, Separation of Powers, Bill of Rights)

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L2:
Congress
(How a bill becomes law)

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L3:
The President & Executive Branch







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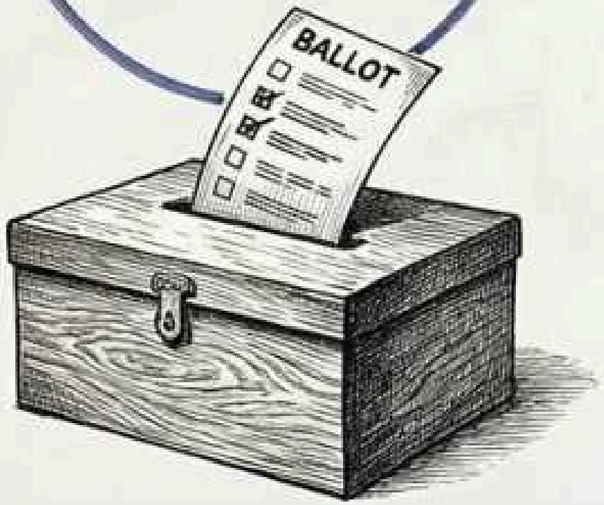
Tracing the Application of Power

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L4:
Federal Courts, Judicial Review, Civil Liberties



L5:
Federalism in Practice, Parties, Elections, Voting



L6:
Public Opinion, Media, Interest Groups Policymaking → Citizenship



$$\sum (\text{Divided Power} \times \text{Checks}) = \text{Systemic Balance}$$

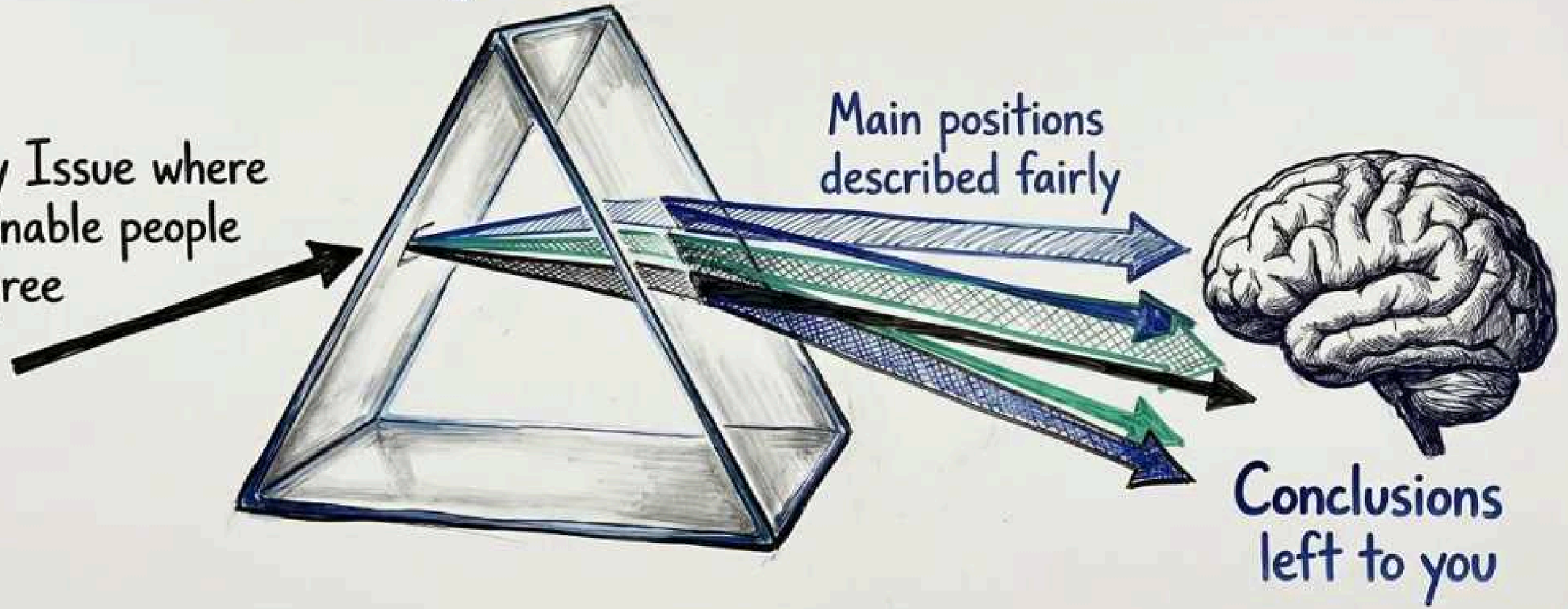
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Describing Institutions Without Dictating Beliefs

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Political Science = Describes How (Institutions work) & Why (People behave).

Political Science ≠ Dictating Beliefs.



Distinguishing Objective Reality from Subjective Trade-offs ¶0.7

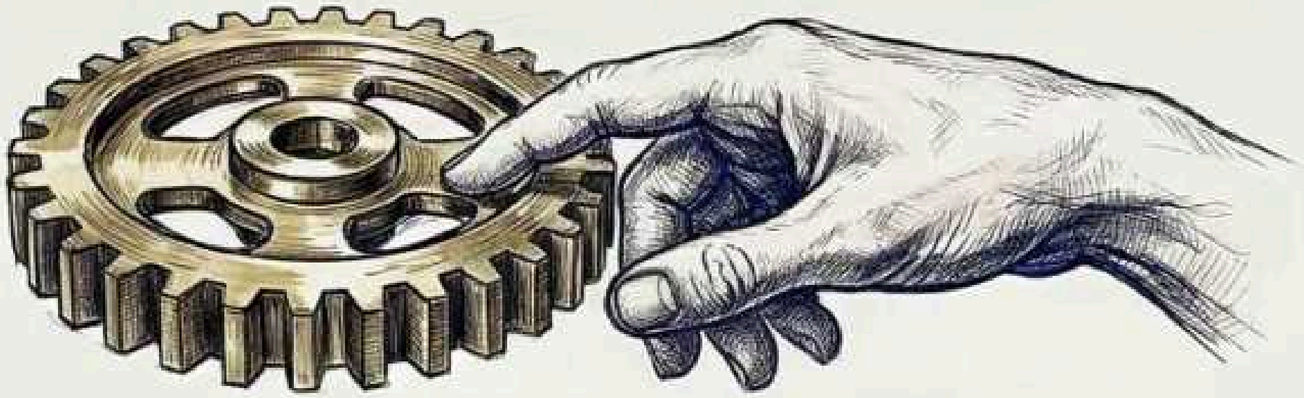
Facts	Values
Definition: Objective reality. Example: n(Senators) = 100. 	Definition: Subjective organization and trade-offs. Example: Should the Senate be organized differently? 

Distinguishing F from V = Essential Citizen Skill

Transparent Course Development and Verification

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AI Generation + Human Direction → Course Content



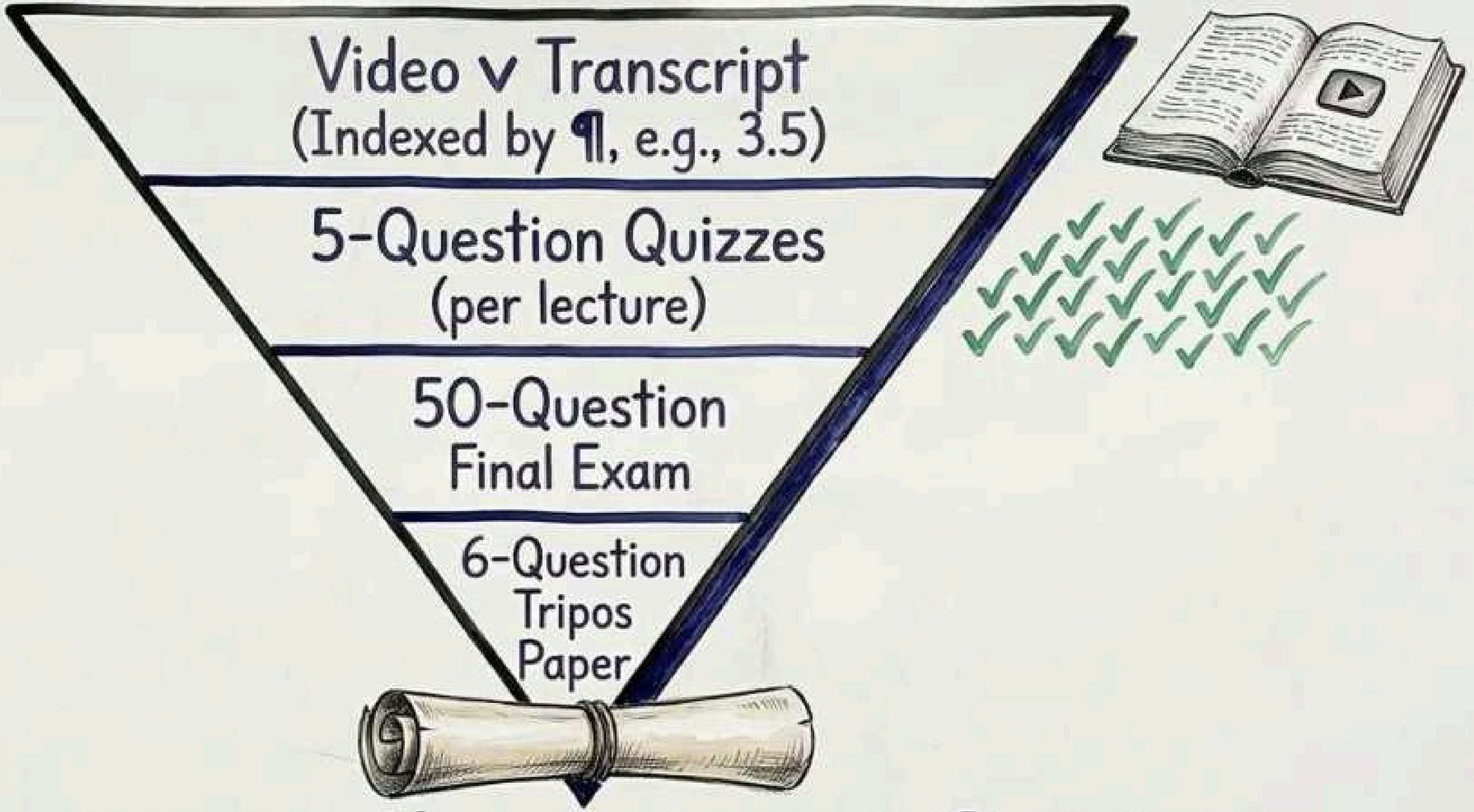
Δ (Laws ∪ Offices) → Verify against official sources

If mistake found → Report to Anderson Academy.

*Clean, numbered transcripts are available for your AI tutor.

Structuring Your Learning Path

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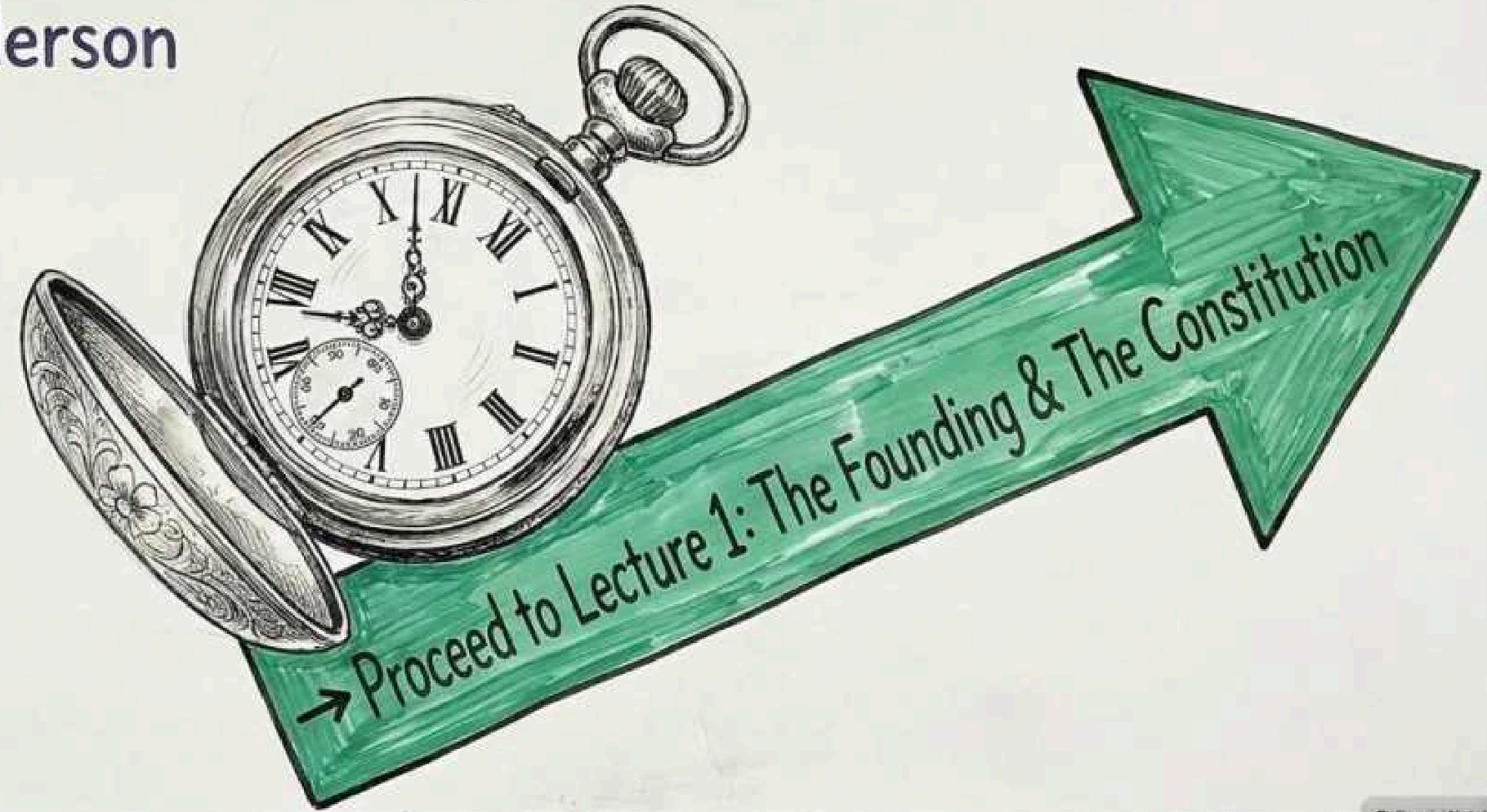


Purpose = Learning ≠ Grades

Let Us Begin

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