



Advanced Placement American Government Practice Essay: Foundations

Time: 25 minutes

Directions: Answer the following question. Carefully read the question and answer all that it is asking.

1. Opponents of ratifying the Constitution argued that liberty was endangered because the government it would create did not follow Montesquieu's principle of separation of powers. How did Madison respond to this criticism?

In your answer be sure and address the following:

- a) Madison's interpretation of what Montesquieu intended in proposing a separation of powers;
- b) What Madison perceived as the real danger to liberty;
- c) How Madison believed the government as proposed would reduce or eliminate this menace.

End of Practice Examination

"We bring home the bacon."