

Honors American Government
Summer Assignment 2011-2012

Read: *A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution* by Carol Berkin & *The Constitution* (there is a copy in the back of the Berkin book).

Assignment: Write a two page reflection of the book.

Questions to answer:

- What is Berkin's main argument?
- What are the strengths of this book?
- The weaknesses?
- What insights does this book give into the Constitutional Convention and the Constitution?
- Does this book address any misconceptions you may have had regarding the Convention?

Requirements: MLA format, no additional research required, a brief and concise thesis statement, body of paper to provide evidence and explanation/interpretation of the evidence, all evidence must be correctly cited.

Due Date: first day of class

- A **hard copy** of the essay is due
- Instructions for submitting a **digital copy** will be provided
- We will have a **quiz on *A Brilliant Solution* and the Constitution** the first day of class.