

Course Description

The Will of the People: Readings in American Democracy

Weekly, we will read 14 monumental documents from America's history that The Great Books Foundation has published in a booklet. I will provide background and context of each document and we will discuss their significance in the development of our democracy as well as their relevancy in today's world. The booklet is required for this class and you may view and purchase it for \$12.95 directly from: <https://store.greatbooks.org/the-will-of-the-people-readings-in-american-democracy/>

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This booklet, The Will of the People published by the Great Books Foundation, contains 14 significant, historical documents that helped shape and form our American democracy. Each class participant will be assigned reading one of the 14 documents from this booklet, in advance of class, where we will join in active discussion of it. Since there are 14 documents there will be one week where 2 documents will be read prior to class. Before discussion, I will lecture on the background and context of the document to help establish the appropriate starting point for the subsequent discussion.