## Final Discussion: Answer Key

| Handout 2A, Excerpts from the Meiji Constitution of 1889 | Preamble  
Subjects rather than citizens  
Duties of subjects rather than rights  
Power in the hands of the emperor, ministers of state; less power in Diet, Judicature; common people not referenced in terms of power | Meiji oligarchs as advisors to the emperor  
Minimal power designated to other groups referenced in Constitution |
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| Handout 2B, Excerpt from Fukuzawa Yukichi, Western Civilization As Our Goal | Paragraph 2  
Intellectual powers of the people emphasized to strengthen national polity (intellectualism can lead to divergent thought away from unity)  
Strengthening of imperial line via Western ideas (imperial and democracy may contradict one another) | National polity (government) |
| Handout 2C, Excerpts from Yoshino Sakuzō, On the Meaning of Constitutional Government and the Methods by Which It Can Be Perfected | Paragraph 1  
Views of democracy that will not undermine sovereignty of the emperor, sovereignty of the nation  
Elites embracing the task of leading and guiding the public  
Tradition vs. change | Constitutional government  
Emperor and nation |
| Handout 3A, Law Governing Election to the House of Representatives, as Amended, | Article 5  
Definitions of who is eligible to vote  
Elections only to House of Representatives | Constitutional government  
Minimal power to males described in document |
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