**Chapter 5**

***A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture***

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is political culture and how does it differ in the United States?
2. Discuss the challenges facing real political institutions.
3. What is human natures role in creating political institutions?
4. What influence did James Madison have on the founding of the U.S. Constitution? What ideas became fundamental parts of most democratic governments?
5. What is the separation of powers and what does it aim to do?
6. Discuss the differences between the three good and three perverted government types. Which one would you choose for your SimGovernment?
7. What are the benefits and drawbacks of a federal and unitary system?
8. Discuss Brandeis “laboratories for experiment” statement. What does this allow local and state governments to do?