Discussion Sheet #1: Federalism

What? Please read and respond the first reading in PRIMIS, Federalism, pages 1-31

How? Use the form and space below (5 points)

When? Due for class, Friday, April 4.

Federalism:

Briefly define federalism.

Summarize the argument for federalism.

What was the Nationalist view of federalism?

What was the States’-Rights view of federalism?

What was dual federalism and what made it obsolete?

Federalism since the 1930s is characterized by two long-term trends: expansion and devolution. Explain each of these trends by using examples to illustrate their meaning:

Expansion:

Devolution:
What observations, reservations, and conclusions do you draw from this reading? What information was most revealing to you? What seemed most important?