**Segment 1: Constitutional Battle Ground State**

1. Is it fair that a local business owner has to be caught between the laws of the state and federal

government? Whom should he listen to? Who wins—state or federal power? Why?

1. Why don’t DEA agents shut down the Harborside Health Center in Oakland, CA?
2. How could the Commerce Clause of the Constitution apply to medical marijuana? Why does the

owner believe it does not apply to Harborside?

**Segment 2: The Big Bang Theory…The United States Constitution**

1. After fighting a war to leave a strong government (Britain), why did the Founding Fathers want

to create a strong government?

**Segment 3: Philadelphia and the Constitutional Convention**

1. In this new system did they balance the power? What were some of the negative outcomes?

**Segment 4: Power Struggle: Tug of War**

1. In what ways does the federal government step on the rights of the states? Why?
2. What is the advantage of the state government making laws for the people?

**Segment 5: We Can’t Go it Alone!**

1. Why would the government concern itself with building a dam in the middle of the desert?

**Segment 6: Separate but NOT Equal**

1. What federal branch ruled that the state laws were unconstitutional? Why did the federal

government need to step in?

1. What was the reason the soldiers walked the students straight up the front steps rather than

bring them in another entrance?

**Segment 7: The Commerce Clause**

1. Why did Wickard believe he was right? Why did he not win his case? How did his case affect

other states?

1. Why might it be better for laws to be made by local government?