You must write an essay (1000 words minimum) in which you address the following two questions or topics: The fundamental values that inform how are democratic government is legitimated and organized are enshrined on the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States. Identify and discuss the basic ideals and principles of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government. Those ideals and principles are discussed in the first and second chapters of your textbook. You can also visit the following websites to read the original document in which these fundamental values were first stated and how they were later incorporated in the American Constitution: The Declaration of Independence: http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/ The Constitution of the United States: https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript Identify the most important Supreme Court cases and executive actions and their impact on law and on our society. How and why are they the most impactful? The history of the United States has been marked by the progressive expansion of voting rights and the protection of its citizens through legislation and Supreme Court decisions. At the same time, executive orders, particularly in periods of crisis led to the violation of individual rights. Throughout this module these issues are covered. In chapters 3 and 4 you will find the information you need to answer this question. You are also encouraged to visit the following websites for further details. Supreme Court Landmarks - http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/supreme-court-landmarks 15 Supreme Court Cases that Changed America - https://www.cnn.com/2012/10/10/justice/landmark-scotus-cases/index.html Executive Orders - The American Presidency Project NAACP was instrumental in the landmark case of Brown v Board of Education. Visit the web site to find information on the case that led to desegregation. http://www.naacp.org Instructions on Writing Your Essay: All essays must be written using proper English grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Points will be deducted for grammatical, punctuation, syntax, capitalization, etc. errors. Essays are automatically submitted to SafeAssign. Work that SafeAssign identifies as having more than a 10% rate of similarity (plariarism) after quoted material and small matches (10 words or less) are excluded will not be read and will received a grade of 0.