The Lanahan Readings in the American Polity

Synopsis of Readings

Reading #1

*Democracy in America*

Alexis De Tocqueville

Summary: To know America you look at its origins. America provides a unique opportunity to see a nation in its infancy, that is the formative years.

**De Toqueville on Money**

- “…I know of no country… where the love of money has taken stronger hold on the affections of men, and where a profounder contempt is expressed for the theory of the permanent equality of property.” (page 6– paragraph 3)