



# Thematic progression

## Text A

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| 1. A. THE ENGLISH <b>CONSTITUTION</b>                                    | —that indescribable entity—is a living thing, growing with the growth of men, and assuming ever-varying forms in accordance with the subtle and complex laws of human character.  |
| 2. B. <b>It</b>  | is the child of <b>wisdom</b> and <b>chance</b> .   |
| 3. C. The <b>wise</b> men of 1688  | moulded it into the shape we know,  |
| 4. C. but+the <b>chance</b><br>[[that George I could not speak English]] | gave it one of its essential peculiarities—the system of a Cabinet independent of the Crown and subordinate to the Prime Minister.  |
| 5. C. The <b>wisdom</b> of Lord Grey                                     | saved it from petrification and destruction, and set it upon the path of Democracy.   |
| 6. C. Then+ <b>chance</b>  | intervened once more;   |
| 7. D. a female sovereign   | <b>happened</b> to marry an able and pertinacious man;  |
| 8. D. and it seemed <b>likely</b>  | that an element which had been quiescent within it for years—the element of irresponsible administrative power—was about to become its predominant characteristic and to change completely the direction of its growth. |
| 9. C. But+what <b>chance</b> gave  | <b>chance</b> took away.  |
| 10. D. The Consort   | perished in his prime;  |
| 11. D. and+THE ENGLISH <b>CONSTITUTION</b> ,                             | dropping the dead limb with hardly a tremor, continued its mysterious life as if he had never been.   |