1) Questions from lecture/readings (1 - 5 minutes)

2) Explain concept of “Principle of subsidiarity” (5 - 10 minutes)
   - power should be exercised at the most appropriate/effective level of government
     ▪ A feature of a federal state, because it gives power to sub-national governments
     ▪ Introduced in Article 5 of TEU: EU can only act if “…objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States…”
     ▪ Decisions taken as close as possible to EU citizens - increases legitimacy
     ▪ Possibly a reaction to constitutionalism of EU Treaties by ECJ
     ▪ Allows Member States to block the Europeanization of legislation if such legislation would be more appropriately introduced at the national or local level

3) Expectations for Essays/Essay Writing Review (15-20 minutes)
   - Topics
     ▪ Must have to do with the EU - not just a member state in the EU
     ▪ Must be relatively current - i.e. not the establishment of the Euro
     ▪ Sources must primarily come from major newspapers and other legitimate news sources (NYT, Washington Post, FT, Economist, Guardian, Observer, BBC News, CNN, etc)
     ▪ Points will be deducted for topics that do not discuss the role of the EU as an entity
   - Construction
     ▪ 5-paragraph essay format recommended - expand upon this
     ▪ Write/re-write introduction at the end
     ▪ Make sure that introduction states your hypothesis and lays out your plan for the paper (first, I will, second, I will) - provide a “hook” in the introduction
     ▪ Make sure that the conclusion restates your hypothesis and reiterates how your evidence proved your point - also provide a “take-away”
   - Format
     ▪ Double-spaced
     ▪ 12 point font - Times New Roman
     ▪ 1 - 1.25” margins
     ▪ Free of grammar and spelling errors
     ▪ Separate Title Page and Bibliography
     ▪ Page numbers - and preferably your name on each page in header/footer
   - Citations/Bibliography
     ▪ Footnotes or internal citations acceptable
     ▪ EVERY idea, fact or citation that does not come from your own brain MUST be cited
     ▪ Bibliography in standard format and alphabetized - include authors name, date, title of article, title of journal/newspaper, volume/number of newspaper, page number/web link - check to make sure that links work!!
     ▪ Provide fulltext of all cited material cut/paste into a word document and sent to me electronically by 15 December 2008 for full credit

4) Open discussion of possible essay topics (remaining class time)
   (Students asked in advance to bring ideas for their essay topics with them)