

AP Government: Fall Final Exam Study Guide

The exam will cover Chapters 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10. You will also be responsible for vocabulary terms in the glossary A-N. THE TEST WILL BE WORTH 20% OF YOUR FINAL GRADE!!

Chapter 1:

Political Ideology
Political Culture
Characteristics of a Republic
Conservative/Liberal/Libertarian
Characteristics of a Federalist Government

Key Functions of Government (preamble)
Political Socialization
United States population demographics
Social Contract theory philosophers

Chapter 2:

The Great Compromise
The formal amendment process
Necessary and Proper Clause (Elastic Clause)
Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
Federalist Papers #10, #51 and #78
Checks and Balances between branches of Government

Bill of Rights
Amendments 11-27
Enumerated Powers
Constitutional Articles (Structure of the Constitution)

Chapter 3:

Block/Categorical Grants
Phases of Federalism (Dual, Cooperative, New)
Mandate
Powers of Federal Government/State Government (Venn Diagram in AHHA book)
Concurrent Powers

McCulloch v. Maryland
Gibbons v. Ogden
Marbury v. Madison
Devolution
United States v. Lopez
United States v. Morrison

Chapter 6:

Factors that influence voter turnout
Random Sampling
Religion and Voting Characteristics
Age and voting characteristics
Gender and voter characteristics
Ethnicity and voting patterns

Tracking Polls
Exit Polls
Push poll
Straw Polls
Sampling error
Weaknesses of Polls

Chapter 7:

Lobbyist
Free Rider Problem
Critical Component of an Interest group?
Amicus Curiae Briefs
Political Action Committees

Different types of Interest Groups
Grassroots Lobbying
Patron
Difference between Interest Groups and Political Parties.

Chapter 8:

Main goal of Political Parties
Ethnicity and Political Parties
Evolution of Political Parties Chart
Party in the Government/Party in the
Electorate/Organizational Party

Types of Third Parties
Divided Government
Core Values of Modern Political Parties
Plurality

Chapter 9:

Voter Turnout in Presidential vs. Congressional
Elections
Age/Educational Level (voter turnout)
Why people don't vote.
How can we increase voter turnout
Historical Restrictions to the vote.

Voting Amendments
Voter Eligibility Requirements
Types of Primaries
Office Block Ballot
Party-Column Ballot
Electoral College 101

Chapter 10:

Power positions in our government (Qualifications
Triangle)
Key players in the campaign
FECA 1971/74
Hard Money vs. Soft Money

Buckley v Valeo
Citizens United v. FEC
BCRA 2002 (McCain Feingold Act)
Presidential Primary Information
Front Loading

AP Government Glossary Terms

Anti-Federalist
Authoritarianism
Aristocracy
Affirmative Action
Block Grants
Battleground State
Bi-cameral Legislature
Checks and Balances
Categorical Grants
Cooperative Federalism
Caucus
Closed Primary
Coattail Effect
Constituent
Concurrent Powers
Confederation
Devolution
Direct Democracy
Divided Government

Electoral College
Elastic Clause
Eminent Domain
Elite Theory
Enumerated Power
Establishment Clause
Expressed Power
Faction
Free Exercise Clause
Federalism
Free Rider Problem
Front Loading
Full Faith and Credit Clause
Gender Gap
Gerrymandering
Get out the Vote
Great Compromise
Hard Money
Hatch Act

Ideology
Impeachment
Independent
Inherent Power
Interest Group
Initiative
Issue Advocacy Advertising
Judicial Review
Limited Government
Liberalism
Litigate
Lobbyist
Medicaid
Medicare
Merit System
Natural Rights
National Convention