**AP Government Questions for Chapter 2**

1. What were the two main goals that the founding fathers were trying to accomplish in terms of creating a new government?

2. Did the colonies have self-government before the American Revolution? Explain.

3. What was the main reason for the American Revolution?

4. Why did the British attack the colonists at Lexington and Concord?

5. What is a social Contract? Who philosophized about this concept?

6. What are natural Rights? Where do they come from? What protects them?

7. Describe in detail what does the Declaration of Independence is saying to England and the world?

8. What were the elements of the Articles of Confederation? How was it weak? How was it strong?

9. What event convinced the members of the congress of the Articles of Confederation government that a constitutional convention was necessary?

10. What was the mandate of this convention and what did it do?

11. What were the two plans and the two compromises of the 1787 Constitutional Convention?

12. Which state(s) had no slaves at the time of the constitutional convention of 1787?

13. How is the President of the United States elected according to the constitution?

14. What was the compromise at the Constitutional Convention regarding tariffs?

15. How was the Constitution ratified (adopted)?

16. What was the main issue of debate in the states during the ratification process?

17. What were the group labels of the two sides of the debate?

17b. Using Brutus No. 1, answer the following question: Can the United States exist as one republic rather than a confederation of states?

18. Which states were unanimous for ratification? How many states opposed ratification? Which state approved ratification by three votes?

19. Describe the Bill of Rights and the Revolutionary root of each Amendment?

20. What are the specific “Grants of Power” and “Denials of Power” to the Congress in the Constitution?

21. What structural mechanisms were created to limit the power of the US government?

22. How does the Judicial Branch “check” the power of the other branches?

23. Describe the background, constitutional questions, answers and reasoning of the Supreme Court in the case Marbury v Madison?

24. Define Judicial Review.

25. How did the founding fathers deal with the danger of tyranny of the majority that is possible in any democracy?

26. What part of this new government did the people have *direct influence* on? Explain why not the others? How about now?

27. Are we a democracy or a republic? What is the full title of our system of government?

28. List the elements of Democracy that exist in America today?

29. What did Charles Beard say about the Constitution in his analysis called An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution?

30. Why are the northeastern and southern states less likely than states in other regions to have the initiative and popular referendum?

31. How powerful should the federal government be?

32. Should our government representatives be trustees of the society or delegates of their constituents?