

AP GOVERNMENT MIDTERM STUDY GUIDE

Test will include ALL material on the syllabus from Unit 1- Unit 4 (Congress and the President)

The Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Constitution, and Amendments are CRITICAL documents.

Unit 1

<u>Concepts</u>	<u>Vocabulary</u>
The Constitution Background Convention Compromises Organization Amending (Formal & Informal) Federalists v. Antifederalists Federalism in the Constitution Powers in the Constitution “Necessary and Proper” Debate McCulloch The Politics of Modern Federalism Grants Mandates <u>Cases:</u> <i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> <i>United States v. Lopez</i> <i>Gibbons v. Ogden</i>	democracy direct democracy representative democracy power elite unalienable rights Articles of Confederation republic initiative referendum recall separation of powers checks and balances legislative branch executive branch federal government unitary government judicial review faction habeas corpus bill of attainder ex post facto law enumerated powers implied powers commerce clause judicial branch executive order executive privilege Shays' Rebellion Virginia Plan New Jersey Plan

Unit 2

<u>Concepts</u>	<u>Vocabulary</u>
Political Culture Political system Economic system Mistrust of government Public Opinion Measuring Factors that influence Political Attitudes Political ideology (Liberals and conservatives) Political Participation and voting behavior Changes in the electorate Voting Turnout Types of participation Elections and campaigns Functions Guidelines Primaries and general elections Congressional and Presidential Financing elections Campaign and election reform Critical elections <u>Cases:</u> <i>Smith v. Allwright</i> <i>Bush v. Gore</i> <i>Buckley v. Valeo</i>	poll random sample ideology gender gap socialists libertarians majority rule grandfather clause literacy test poll tax political socialization cleavages saliency Australian ballot polarization incumbent lame duck winner-take-all single member district soft money direct primary Campaign Finance Reform Bill of 1974 Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2002 Electoral College

Unit 3

Concepts	Vocabulary
Political parties	PAC
Functions	501 (C)(3)
History	501 (C)(4)
Why 2 Parties?	bundling
Organization	incentives
Minor parties	Federalist No. 10
Interest groups	lobbying
Interest groups and PACS	revolving door
Funding	iron triangle
Think tanks	litigation
Types	amicus curiae
Activities of interest groups	direct primary
Regulation	closed primary
Media	open primary
Evolution of journalism	split ticket
Structure and function	party convention
Rules	caucus
Impact	third party/minor party
Bias	divided government
President v. Congress coverage	realignment
<u>Cases:</u>	issue ads
<i>U.S. v. Harris</i>	fairness doctrine
<i>Near v. Minnesota</i>	redistricting
<i>New York Times v. Sullivan</i>	reapportionment
<i>New York Times v. U.S.</i>	