

# AP US Government--Unit 1--AP Exam Study Guide

## The Constitution, Federalism, State & Local Government

Directions: Answer the following questions in preparation for your test. Any answer that does not immediately come to mind should be researched, and written in your journal or notebook.

- 1) Identify the shortcomings of the national government under the Articles of Confederation.
- 2) Explain how the Constitution corrected each problem or defect.
- 3) Describe the ideas of the Enlightenment and how concepts such as limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and checks and balances became key parts of the Constitution.

### Identify and define each of the following terms:

Antifederalists	First Continental Congress	political culture
Articles of Confederation	full faith and credit clause	political ideology
Bill of Rights	grants-in-aid	popular sovereignty
block grants	Great Compromise	privileges and immunities
categorical grants	Thomas Hobbes	progressive taxes
checks and balances	Implied powers	recall
coalition	Initiative John Locke	referendum
conditions of aid	Liberal	representative democracy
confederation	Libertarian	republic
conservative	limited government	reserved powers
Constitutional Convention	majority rule	revenue sharing
Declaration of Independence	mandates	Jean Jacques Rousseau
Democracy	Marbury v. Madison	Second Continental Congress
Devolution	McCulloch v. Maryland	separation of powers
direct participatory democracy	Moderate	Shays' Rebellion
dual federalism	Montesquieu	social contract theory
elections -including non-partisan/ district-based/ at-large/ primary/	Natural law a.k.a. the state of nature	Sovereignty
general enumerated powers	natural rights	Supremacy clause
faction federalism 'including dual/ cooperative	necessary and proper	Three-fifths Compromise
Federalist Papers (espec. #10)	elastic clause	unalienable rights
Federalists	New Jersey Plan	unfunded mandates
	nullification	Virginia Plan
	police power	