**AP American Government Reading Questions for Chapter 2 (10, 11 &12)**

Doc #10 James Madison - Federalist 10 and 51

Federalist #10

1. What is Madison’s position on Factions?
2. What are the two ways to deal with factions?
3. Why is one of those impossible as a solution?
4. Therefore what is the solution?

Federalist #51

1. How do we prevent the national government from having too much power?
2. What must a government control?
3. What is the strongest party of a republican government?
4. Therefore what must be done?
5. What should be done with the executive?
6. How does a federated system prevent tyranny? (Describe a federated system.)

Doc #11 Richard Hofstadter - American Political Tradition

1. What did our founding fathers distrust?
2. Vice could not be checked by virtue; what checks vice?
3. Why balance the constitution?
4. What are the 3 advantages of federated government?
5. Are democracy and liberty identical?
6. Then what guarantees liberty?
7. What is the point of government?
8. The founding fathers believed that democracy usually leads to what?
9. A person’s influence in government should be proportional to what?
10. Does the author believe the founding fathers were extremists or moderates?
11. What was the driving force in all men?

Doc #12 Alexis deTocqueville – Democracy in America

1. Why is the majority better to rule than an individual?
2. What is the moral power of the majority?
3. According to Tocqueville, why do the minority accept the rights (power) of the majority?
4. Why is the majority just as dangerous as a monarch?
5. Is the executive a “passive tool” in the (legislatures) hands?
6. Why is the will of the majority physical and moral at the same time?
7. (think) Could the majority be immoral?
8. Can a democratic republic destroy liberty?