**AP US Government**

**Readings 6, 75, 76, 77**

*Doc 6: Robert Dahl – Who Governs*

1. What governs? (elites, groups or the majority)
2. Are the ruling elites “enormously influential or “captives of their constituencies?” Explain
3. How does communication affect the interaction between the governed and the government?
4. When do politicians act?
5. According to the authors, “governmental decisions” are in response to what?
6. According to the authors, have we become more democratic over the decades? Explain

*Doc 75: Milton Friedman – Free to Choose*

1. Who is the father of modern economics? What did he write?
2. According to Friedman (and Adam Smith), what is the result of one pursuing his own interest?
3. Having economic and political power in the hands of the few is a “sure recipe” for what?
4. What freedom(s) do we loose with a large government? Explain.
5. How do unelected bureaucrats get power?
6. What does Friedman want added to the Bill of Rights?
7. What would this do?
8. What is the greatest threat to human freedom?

*Doc 76: David Wessel – Red Ink*

1. In 2011 how much money did the American government borrow per day?
2. How much was the interest? What is this the combined cost of?
3. Describe the two problems Elmendorf sees with the debt crisis? (bottom page 617)
4. What is Elmendorf’s solution?

*Doc 77: Michel Wucker – Lockout*

1. How does immigration keep inflation low?
2. Describe both sides of the immigration debate as shown in this excerpt. Are there any aspects of this issue that both sides agree with?