

# Exam Review for U.S. Government

(This list is not meant to be considered all inclusive)

## Unit 1 Foundations of Government

- Origin of Gov't. (origins of state)
- Purpose of Gov't.
- Limited Gov't. ....examples (origin) Previous Influences (ex. English B of R, Petition of Rights, Magna Carta, Hammurabi's Code, 12 Tables)
- Representative Gov't. examples of early colonial
- Self Gov't. ....examples
- Philosophies of " " Who? What?
- Types of Gov't. (Democracy, Dictatorship)
- Basic concepts of Democracy (ch.1 #3)
- Democracy (Direct/Indirect)
- 3 parts of Declaration of Independence
- **Constitution**..... Why? (A of C not getting it done) Compromises? Checks/Balances, How to Amend? Informal Amendment (examples)

## Unit 2 Federalism

- Division of Power b/t states & Federal Government
- **POWERS**: Delegated, Reserved, Expressed, Implied, Inherent, Exclusive
- "Supreme Law of the Land"
- Know the Articles of the **Constitution**
- "Gerrymandering"
- 6 Basic Principles of the **Constitution**
- Formal/Informal Amendments
- All the Compromises with the **Constitution**
- Articles of Confederation
- Constitutional Convention
- The Original **Constitution** (7 Articles)
- The Bill of Rights
- interaction between states

## Legislative Branch

- Terms & Sessions of Congress
- Bill/Resolution(s)
- How a Bill becomes a law? How to Amend the **Constitution**?
- Terms of reps/Senators
- Committees
- Filibuster, rule of Cloture
- Committee of the Whole
- Quorum
- Gerrymandering, reapportionment
- Single member district
- [Review sheet on Sept. 28th](#)

## Political Behavior and the Electoral Process

- Political Parties
- 2 Party system
- Functions of Parties
- Minor Parties, diff types
- Split ticket voting
- Voter Qualifications & Registration
- “Cannot Voters”
- Political Efficacy
- Main idea of Civil Rights Acts (’64. ’68)
- Voting Rights Act ’65
- Why people vote the way they do
- Political spectrum
- [Review sheet on Wednesday 10/12](#)

## Executive Branch/Foreign Policy/National Defense

- Presidential Roles
- Presidential Qualifications
- Length of term(s)
- Pay/Benefits
- Presidential Succession
- Primaries/caucuses
- Cabinet
- Presidential Powers
- Electoral College & proposed reforms
- Party in Power/out of Power
- Presidential appointments (process)
- Pardons
- Impeachment process (first the House, then the Senate)
- Role in law making, budget etc.
- **Foreign Policy Initiatives:** Monroe Doctrine, Isolationism, Open Door Policy, Cold War, Détente, Containment, Good Neighbor Policy
- Commander in Chief
- Executive Agreements
- Diplomatic Immunity, Persona non grata
- Citizenship, process of Naturalization

## Judiciary Branch

- Process of becoming a Federal Judge/Supreme Court Justice, term of office
- Different types of Jurisdiction: Original, Appellate, Concurrent, Exclusive
- Dual Court System
- Due Process of Law
- How do cases reach the Supreme Court?
- Dissenting, Majority, & Concurring Opinion in a Supreme Court Case
- Judicial review
- Civil Liberties & Civil Rights
- Establishment Clause (no relation)
- Free Exercise Clause (again.....no relation)
- Symbolic speech
- [Review Sheet Wednesday 11/16](#)
- [Judiciary Review Sheet](#)