

0809 Study guide for Unit I AP Government Test Chapters 1-4 Rev 1718

Be familiar with the following terms: Articles of Confederation, Shays's Rebellion, Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Great Compromise, separation of powers, federalism, checks and balances, enumerated powers, reserved powers, concurrent powers, ex post facto, judicial review, habeas corpus, bill of attainder, nullification, initiative, referendum, recall, categorical grant, decentralization, devolution, unitary system, dual federalism, revenue sharing, mandates, block grants, grants-in-aid, republic, political efficacy

1. In the Virginia Plan what was the relationship between state laws and the federal government?
2. What was the central issue in the framing of the Constitution?
3. Describe federalism.
4. How can Congress check the power of the president and the federal courts?
5. What are the powers given to the states called? The federal government? Shared by both?
6. What is one of the most obvious advantages of federalism to those who are really interested in working in the political arena?
7. What were some fears of the Antifederalists about the government created by the Constitution?
8. Explain the Constitutional importance of *McCulloch v. Maryland*.
9. Why are federal grants attractive to the states?
10. What does a bill of attainder do?
11. The framers believed these are the primary functions of government, especially one particular function.
12. What are the sources of political culture in the U.S.?
13. What were some of the powers/problems of the national government under the Articles of Confederation?
14. What was the result of the Great Compromise?
15. What was the impact on political leaders of Shays's Rebellion?
16. The goal of the Framers of the Constitution was to create this type of government. This type of government is based on ...?
17. How are the Constitutional principles of separation of powers and federalism related?
18. What does habeas corpus guarantee citizens?
19. If you're a person that believes the president is too weak and insufficiently accountable in the current system of separation of powers, you would most likely support what reform of the Constitution?
20. What is the doctrine of nullification?
21. What does a recall accomplish?
22. Categorical grants are designed for ...?
23. As the Constitution was originally ratified, how did it treat the economic powers of the new government?
24. Politically speaking, what does decentralization mean?
25. Briefly describe the four theories of government power from Ch. 1.
26. The Articles of Confederation:
 - a) Where was power located under the Articles?
 - b) What were characteristics of the national government under this plan?
27. How did the various state constitutions in existence influence the Framers as they debated a new national plan for government?
28. What are the features of the New Jersey Plan?
29. Review the several compromises reached at the Convention by the delegates.
30. How would Jefferson and Hamilton differ on their ideas of government power?
31. What are some important consequences of the federal system in the United States?
32. How would Locke have felt about government, power and the Social Contract?

FRQ topic will focus on the two plans for government proposed at the Constitutional Convention. Be very familiar with both plans.