

Government Unit 1 Study Guide

Know all Political Dictionary terms, plus review the following.

Test Format: 50 M/C questions. Worth 100 points.
Political Dictionary Terms (EC) due on the day of the test.

- ❖ Parts of the Constitution
- ❖ The Preamble
- ❖ The purposes of government
- ❖ Social Contract Theory and its proponents (Locke, Rousseau, Hobbes)
- ❖ Theories for the creation of government (force, divine right, etc.)
- ❖ Public Policy & examples
- ❖ Majority/minority rights
- ❖ The State & its characteristics
- ❖ Sovereignty
- ❖ Types of government and their characteristics (federal/unitary/confederate; parliamentary/presidential)
- ❖ English Tradition
 1. Magna Carta
 2. Petition of Right
 3. English Bill of Rights
- ❖ British policies toward the colonies by time period (before F&I war, after, during revolutionary war)
- ❖ Articles of Confederation
 1. Characteristics
 2. Strengths & Weaknesses
- ❖ State Constitutions and their influence on the creation of the US Constitution
- ❖ Philadelphia Convention & Constitution
 1. Purpose
 2. Attendees
 3. James Madison
 4. Plans for Government (Virginia, New Jersey), characteristics and supporters (i.e. names of states that were in favor of each plan)
 5. Compromises (names, characteristics, supporters, effect)
 6. Federalists & Anti-Federalists and their views
 7. *The Federalist* (what, purpose)
- ❖ Structure of the Constitution (what is each article about?)
- ❖ The 3 Branches and their jobs/responsibilities
- ❖ Basic Principles of the Constitution
 1. Checks & Balances (with examples)
 2. Separation of Powers (with examples)
 3. Judicial Review/*Marbury v. Madison*
 4. Popular Sovereignty
 5. Limited Government
 6. Federalism
- ❖ Amendment Process
 1. Purpose/Effect
 2. Types of Amendment processes and methods, with examples
- ❖
- ❖ Bill of Rights
 1. Basic protections from each amendment
 2. Purpose
- ❖ Federalism
 1. What is it?
 2. Powers of the Federal Government (implied, expressed, inherent) with examples
 3. Necessary & Proper Clause (meaning, application)
 4. Powers denied to the Federal Government with examples
 5. Powers reserved to the States (examples)
 6. Powers denied to the States (examples)
 7. Exclusive/Concurrent Powers
 8. Supremacy Clause & its application
 9. *McCulloch v. Maryland*
- ❖ The National Government & The States
 1. Federal Obligations to the States
 2. Procedure for Admitting New States
 3. Shared powers (cooperative federalism) & examples
- ❖ Interstate Relations
 1. Interstate Compacts
 2. Full Faith & Credit
 3. Extradition
 4. Privileges & Immunities Clause