

AP American Government Final Exam Review



Structure:

- 70 multiple choice questions in 60 minutes
- 5 Matching questions in 10 minutes
- 4 brief essays in 20 minutes.

Magleby Textbook: Chapters 1 – 4, 6 – 10, 11 - 20

Content:

- Definition of government?
- Responsibilities/roles of government
- Unitary v. Confederation v. Federal Systems
- Parliamentary v. Presidential Systems
- Social contract theory of
 - Hobbes
 - Locke
 - Montesquieu
 - Rousseau
- The Declaration of Independence
- Strengths/Weaknesses of Articles of Confederation
- Issues addressed at Constitutional Convention
 - Thoughts of the Founding Fathers
 - Fears at the Convention
 - Political factions
 - Purpose/nature of government
 - State vs. National loyalties
 - Electoral College
 - Representation
 - Virginia Plan
 - New Jersey Plan
 - Connecticut Compromise
 - Three-Fifths Compromise
- James Madison and the Tyranny of the Majority
 - Federalist # 10
 - Representative Democracy: a Republic
 - Federalist # 51
 - Federalism and separation of powers
- Arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists
- Checks/balances and separation of powers among three branches—specific features of Constitution

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- Article IV - Federalism
 - Distribution of powers between states and federal government
 - Powers
 - Enumerated (Delegated)
 - Concurrent Powers
 - Reserved Powers
 - Elastic clause and implied powers
 - States obligations to one another
 - Full faith and credit
 - Extradition
 - Privileges and immunities
 - 10th Amendment (Constitutional basis for federalism)
 - Loose v. strict constructionist views of the Constitution
- Article I - Congress
 - Constitutional requirements
 - Congressional terms
 - Powers of Each House in Congress
 - Expressed v. Implied Powers
 - Committee System
- Article II - Executive
 - Electoral College
 - Requirements for President
 - Term limits (22nd Amendment)
 - Succession Order (25th Amendment)
 - Enumerated presidential powers
 - Presidential Responsibilities
 - Executive Privilege, Executive orders, Impoundment, Line item veto
 - Checks placed on the Presidential powers
 - Impeachment
 - Override Veto
 - Advise and Consent
 - Role of Vice President
- Article III - Judiciary
 - Constitutional Basis for Supreme Court
 - Appointment, Litmus Test, Blue Slip, Borking, and Filibuster
 - Jurisdiction
 - Judicial Review
 - *Marbury v. Madison*
 - *McCulloch v. Maryland*

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- Writ of Cert, Brief, Standing, and Inquisitorial system
- Article V - Amending the Constitution
 - Why? How?
- Bill of Rights
 - Definition of civil liberties and civil rights
 - Positive v. Negative Rights
 - Selective incorporation
 - *Burlington Railway v. Chicago*
 - First Amendment Liberties
 - Religion
 - Free exercise and Establishment clauses
 - *Cantwell v Connecticut*: Wall of Separation
 - *Lemon v. Kurtzman*
 - Speech
 - Clear and present danger doctrine
 - *Gitlow v New York*
 - Obscenity
 - *Miller v. California*
 - Offensive, local standards, State Law, no value
 - Symbolic Speech
 - *Texas v Johnson*
 - Press
 - Libel and slander
 - *NY Times v. Sullivan*
 - Association and Assembly
 - *Loving v Virginia*
 - Amendments 2 -3
 - Right to Bear Arms
 - *McDonald v Chicago*
 - Implied Right of Privacy
 - *Griswald v. Connecticut*
 - Minors
 - *Tinker v. Des Moines (Armbands)*
 - *Hazelwood v Kuhlmeier (Newspaper)*
 - Amendments 4-8 - Procedural Rights
 - Search and seizure
 - *Wolf v Colorado*: Exclusionary rule
 - *US v Leon*: Good Faith Exception
 - Double jeopardy
 - *Gideon v. Wainwright*: Right to an Attorney
 - *Miranda v. Arizona*
 - *Gregg v Georgia*: Cruel and unusual punishment

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- 14th Amendment – Substantive Rights
 - Equal protection
 - Due Process
- 15th Amendment
 - Federal guarantee of equal protection
- Affirmative Action
 - Separate but Equal
 - *Plessy v. Ferguson*
 - Affirmative Action and Desegregation
 - *Brown v. Board of Education*
 - Color Blind
 - *Regents v. Bakke*
- Describe background, issues, and precedents established by the following Supreme Court cases:
 - *Marbury v. Madison*
 - *McCulloch v. Maryland*
 - *US v Nixon*
 - *US v Lopez*
 - *Clinton v Jones*
 - *Clinton v New York City*
 - *Train v New York City*
 - *Citizens United v FEC*
 - *Burlington Railway v. Chicago*
 - *Cantwell v Connecticut*
 - *Lemon v. Kurtzman*
 - *Schenk v US*
 - *Gitlow v New York*
 - *NY Times v. Sullivan*
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 - *Gregg v Georgia*
 - *Roe v Wade*
 - *Planned Parenthood v Casey*
 - *Wolf v Colorado*
 - *Mapp v Ohio*
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 - *Brown v. Board of Education*
 - *Regents v. Bakke*
 - *Lawrence v Texas*