

UNIT 1: Intro to AP Gov + Constitution (chapters 1 & 2) study guide

Important Terms/Concepts

Democracy: Direct and Indirect	Elitism	Pluralism and Hyper Pluralism	Policymaking System	US Constitution as improvement of Articles of Confederation
Checks and Balances	Separation of Powers	Shay's Rebellion	Fed 10 and 51	Factions
Virginia, NJ Plans and Great Compromise	Republicanism	Federalism	Feds and Anti-Feds	Invisible Hand
Formal and Informal Amending of Constitution	Judicial Review: Marbury vs. Madison	Declaration of Independence	Jefferson= Locke Madison= Montesquieu Hamilton= Hobbes	Madisonian System

Questions to know!!

Text pages: 9-18

1. What key functions of government exist, according to the authors? Are there other functions you believe are important?
2. What are the 5 components of the policymaking system? What are examples of various public policies?

Text pages 33-38

3. Compare and contrast Hobbes and Locke's theories on government and rights when it came to the following:
 - Role of government in people's lives
 - Rights of citizens
 - How their background affected their views
 - Their influence on the Founders

4. Explain how Locke influenced Jefferson's ideas in the Declaration of Independence.

5. What were some problems with the Articles of Confederation and what consequences did they have?

Text pages: 39-46

6. How did the Federalist's view of human nature affect the way they wanted to construct the Constitution?

7. What types of compromises were made in order to secure passage of the Constitution?

Text pages: 47-67

8. Explain Madison's major arguments in Federalist 10 and 51.

9. How did the Federalists and Anti-Federalists disagree on their idea of governmental power?

10. Name and explain the two formal ways the constitution can be amended.

11. Name and explain 3 ways the constitution can be informally amended.

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12. Distinguish among the concepts of power, authority, and legitimacy.

13. Discuss the reasons the Framers favored representative democracy over direct democracy.

14. Compare and contrast the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan, and explain how the Great Compromise settled the differences.

15. Describe the two fundamental questions that the Supreme Court answered in handing down its decision in *McCulloch v. Maryland*, and explain the impact this decision had on the development of the federal system.