

AP Government & Politics
Chapter 2 & 3--Study Guide

You should know the following information for the test:

*****Know and understand the meaning of the key terms for each chapter.**

Chapter 2:

1. Why did the American colonies eventually break away from Great Britain? (Summarize the reasons)
2. What struggles did they face in developing a new system of government?
3. How did the ideas of John Locke influence the US governmental system?
4. Summarize Jefferson's "American Creed".
5. Why did the Articles of Confederation fail?
6. What were the four things (core ideas) that the delegates to the Constitution agreed upon? How did it shape the government they created?
7. Be able to explain the details of the New Jersey Plan, Virginia Plan, and the Connecticut Compromise.
8. What were the three issues of equality? How were they resolved?
9. What economic issues were dealt with by the Constitution?
10. When James Madison warned of the "tyranny of the majority", what was he talking about? Explain your answer thoroughly. How did he propose to stop this?
11. Summarize the arguments for and against the new Constitution? What were the names of the groups who supported each side?
12. What is a "republic"?
13. Explain the role of each branch of government.
14. How many states needed to ratify the Constitution for it to go into effect?
15. Explain how the Constitution can be amended.
16. *Marbury v. Madison* & Judicial review = why is this important?
17. How has technology changed the Constitution and the government it set up?
18. What were the first 10 amendments to the Constitution? What did they do?

Chapter 3:

19. What is federalism? What are the different types of federalism discussed in the textbook?
20. How does this compare with a unitary system & a confederate system?
21. What is the supremacy clause?
22. What does the 10th Amendment state?
23. Why is the case of *McCulloch v. Maryland* so important?
24. Explain enumerated powers, implied powers, and the elastic clause.
25. What happened in the case of *Gibbons v. Ogden*? Why is it important?
26. What is the full faith and credit clause?
27. What is extradition?
28. What is the difference between dual federalism & cooperative federalism?
29. What is devolution?
30. What types of grants are available? How do they work?
31. What is a mandate? Give examples of federal mandates on the states.