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*AP Gov ~ Chapter 1 ~ Introducing Government in America*

As you read chapter 1, answer the following questions. Please answer them on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Define the term "government."
2. What are the two fundamental questions about governing that serve as themes throughout the textbook?
3. List the five functions that all national governments perform.
4. Define the term "politics."
5. Give examples of the "who", "what", "when", and "how" of politics.
6. Draw a diagram of how a policy system works.
7. List four key linkage institutions in a democratic society.
8. Define the term "policy agenda."
9. How does the government's policy agenda change?
10. List the four policymaking institutions in the United States.
11. Define the term "policy impacts."
12. Define the term "democracy" as used in this text.
13. List the five cornerstones of an ideal democracy.
14. Explain what is meant by majority rule and minority rights.
15. Explain how the theories of pluralism, elitism, and hyperpluralism view the American political system.
16. What are the major challenges facing American democracy?
17. What is "political culture" and why is it crucial to understanding the American system of government?
18. Explain what is meant by a "culture war."
19. What is meant by the "scope of government"? Give examples to illustrate this.
20. Define "gross domestic product." How does the term illustrate the scope of American government?

*\*You are also responsible for knowing all of the key terms/vocabulary from the chapter.*