

Unit 1 Review (Chapters 1, 2, 3)

- New Deal Policies (cooperative federalism)
- Interstate Relations (Full Faith & Credit Clause)
- Supremacy Clause
- Federalists Papers #10 & #51
- Direct/Indirect Democracy
- Initiatives/Referendums/Recall powers
- Major Compromises in the Constitution
 - Great Connecticut Compromise
 - 3/5 Slave Compromise
 - Commerce Compromise
- Checks & Balances (examples)
- Liberalism vs. Conservatism
- John Locke/Thomas Hobbes/Baron Montesquieu
 - Natural Rights/Common Sense
 - Social Contract
 - Separation of Powers
- Articles of Confederation (strengths & weaknesses)
- Importance of Shays Rebellion
- Electoral College System (what it is/why founders chose it)
- Federal System (limited government)
- Mandates (funded/unfunded)
- Federal Grants (block/categorical)
- Beard & Roche essays on political elitism
- Bill of Rights Controversy (federalists/anti-federalists)
- Amending the Constitution
- Major Amendments of the Constitution (1,2,4,5,6,8,9,10,13,14,15,17,19,20,22,25,26)
- Judicial Review (Marbury v. Madison)
- Powers of the Federal Government vs. State Government
- Reserved Powers

Unit 1, 4, 5 Review (Chapter 4, 7, 8)

- Development of American Political Culture
- American Political System rooted in (Liberty, Equality, Democracy, Civic Duty, Individual Responsibility)
- Political Culture compared to other countries (mainly European countries)
- Sources of Political Culture
- Mistrust in government
- Political tolerance/compared to other countries
- Public Opinion
- Opinion polls (straw, scientific, exit) strengths and weaknesses
- Samples/Universe/Random
- Accuracy of polling and media opinion shaping
- Sampling errors
- Political Socialization
 - Family
 - School
 - Media
- How institutions impact ideology
 - Religion
 - Race
 - Gender
 - Income
 - Region
 - Age
- Political Activism
- Political Ideology
- Liberalism vs. Conservatism (Review page 167 in text)
- Political Elitism
- Voting Age Population vs. Voter Eligible Population (VAP/VEP)
- Who votes in America?
- Voting turnout trends
- Non-Voting (Apathy)
- American Electorate
- Voting Blocks (grandfather clauses, poll taxes, literacy tests, white primaries)

Unit 4, 5 (Chapters 9-12)

- Political Parties (History of/Organizations of)
- Party Systems (Uni, Bi, Multi)
- Party Platforms (know major differences from Republicans, Democrats, 3rd parties)
- 3rd Party Roles
- Partisan Politics
- Federalist Paper #10 (factions)
- Progressive Era
- Major Party Eras (Critical elections, maintaining, realignments, deviating)
- Split Ticket/Straight Ticket Voting
- National/State/Local Party Structure
- Primaries/Caucus'/National Convention
- Political Machines
- Party Bosses
- Nominating Process
- Who is more likely to participate in Primaries?
- Delegate Selection Process (Republican vs. Democratic differences/State Differences)
- Super Delegates
- Election Costs
- Pocketbook Issues
- Image in campaigns
- Primaries (open, closed)
- Hard/Soft Money
- BCRA (McCain-Feingold)
- General/Midterm Elections trends
- Media Roles (influencing/shaping opinion, polling, WikiLeaks (freedom of information Acts)
- PACS/527 Groups
- Reapportionment/Gerrymandering/Malapportionment
- Census Data
- Incumbent Advantage
- Special Interests/Lobbying
- Watchdog Role of Media/Congressional Oversight
- Direct/Indirect pressure techniques of lobbying
- FEC/FEC Regulations
- Sources of Media (TV, Newspaper, Radio, Magazines, Internet)
- FCC Regulations
- Shield Laws
- Coattail Effect

Unit 2 (Legislative)

- Enumerated Powers (Article 1 Section 8 Clauses 1-18)
- Necessary & Proper Clause (Elastic Clause)
- Great Connecticut Compromise
- Unicameral/Bicameral
- House History (pages 318-319 of text)
- Bill Process
 - Committee Work
 - Pork Barrel Legislation
 - Iron Triangles (Issue Networks)
 - Partisan/Bipartisan
 - Filibuster
 - Changing of the Rules
 - Nuclear Option
- Senate Role of Advice & Consent
 - Appointments
 - Treaties
 - 3/5 vote/Nuclear Option
- Make Up of Congress
 - Characteristics (demographics)
 - Incumbency Rates
 - Seniority Rule
- Marginal/Safe Districts
- Methods of Representation
- Congressional Leadership
 - Speaker of the House/President of Senate/President Pro Tempore of Senate
 - Majority/Minority Floor leaders
 - Majority/ Minority Whips
- Committee Chairman
- Standing Committees
- Conference Committees
- Caucuses
- Public/Private Bills
- Resolutions
- Earmarks
- Unified/Divided Government
- Debate rules in the house compared to senate (timed debate/open & closed rules)
- Cloture Rule to end filibuster in Senate
- Voting differences
- Voting records (how are they used to the advantage and disadvantage of the incumbents?)
- Franking Privileges (other advantages of incumbents?)

Unit 2 Judicial

- Judicial Review (Marbury v. Madison)
- Judicial Restraint
- Judicial Activism**** (KNOW THIS BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS!!)
- Jurisdiction
- Original Jurisdiction
- Appellate Jurisdiction
- Federal Court System
 - District
 - Circuit Court (Court of Appeals)
 - Supreme Court of the United States
 - Special Courts (Tax, Marriage, Trade, etc.)
- Appointment of Judges
 - Presidential appointment preferences
 - Confirmation Process of Senate
 - Senate Hearing on appointments
 - Senatorial Courtesy
 - Litmus Tests
- Major Court Eras
 - 1780's to 1850's National Supremacy Issues
 - 1860's to 1940's Economic Issues
 - 1950's to Current Social/Political Issues
- Writs of Certiorari
- Amicus Curie Briefs by lobbyists or special interests (Iron Triangle/Issue Networks)
- Legal Standing (Precedence)
- Adversarial System of Law
- Class Action Lawsuits
- Opinions of the courts (concurring, dissenting)
- Major landmark Supreme Court Cases (review list that you created and I told you to highlight)

Unit 2 Executive

- Presidential vs. Parliamentary Systems of Government
- Presidential preferences when choosing cabinet members
- Coalition building with Congress (divided/unified government)
- Examples of divided govt (page 362)
- War Powers of the President
- Limited powers of the president/how some powers have evolved/expanded over time
- Electoral College (positives/negatives/purpose) Review pages 368-369
- Term controversy (why we didn't have limits/why we created them)
- Review Jacksonian Era (possible to be able to compare to Trump today)
- Major Presidential Powers (page 370-371)
- Qualifications and Benefits of Presidency
- Understand how White House Office functions
- Executive Office of the President
- The Cabinet
- Head of independent agencies/commissions....etc...
- Quasi Legislative/Quasi-Judicial powers of agencies
- Image/character/social media influence/bias news coverage/Trumps Tweeting habits/Fireside Chats w/FDR
- Bully Pulpit
- State of the Union Address
- Coattail effect during mid-terms/general
- Presidential Popularity/after elections/end of term?
- Legislative Powers? Veto? Executive orders/agreements?
- Executive Privilege
- Signing Statements
- Review pages 388-389 on how issues impact government programs
- Vice Presidential choice/VP powers
- Line of Succession
- Impeachment/Removal/Censure
- Lame Duck status

Unit 2 Bureaucracy (Chapter 15)

- Govern by proxy (government funding)
- Growth of bureaucracy (differences between Dems and Reps)
- Keynesian economics vs. Supply Side Economics
- How head of bureaucracy impact system (presidential appointments)
- Laissez-faire policies of Republicans
- Discretionary Spending
- Spoils System/Merit Based system (Pendleton Act)
- Iron Triangle/Issue Networks
- Red Tape
- Congressional oversight functions (watchdog)
- Appropriations for funding the bureaucracy
- Chapter 15 is very conceptual....I would recommend on just re-reading the chapter.

Unit 4 Policy Making (Chapters 17-21)

- Political Agenda setting (enacting party platform)
- Pressure Groups (special interests)
- Government Institution Pressures
- Media Pressure
- Majoritarian/Interest Groups/Client/Entrepreneurial Politics (who is benefiting?)
- Pork Barrel legislation/logrolling
- Deregulation
- Deficit Financing of Government
- National Debt/GDP
- 2007-2009 Recession (What happened?)
- Monetarism/Keynesianism/Supply Side
- Federal Reserve Board
- Entitlement programs/funding?
- Sequester
- Taxation (FICA...income tax)
- Social Welfare programs (page 511)
- Means Test
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Social Security (major issues of concern)
- Foreign Policy/Domestic Policy
- War Powers
- Executive Agreements/Treaties
- Sanctions
- United Nations/NATO
- Role as Commander in Chief of President
- Rally to the Flag effect
- Isolationism/Interventionists
- Defense spending
- Chain of Command with Military

- Major Environmental Laws (page 559)
- Global Warming Controversy
- How politics factor into this topic (special interests groups)
- Cap and Trade

Unit 3 Civil Rights and Liberties (chapter 5-6)

- Evolution of Liberties in America (basic timeline)
- Selective Incorporation
- Due Process/Equal Protection (14th Amend)
- Familiarize yourself with major Amendments
- 1st Amendment liberties
- Prior Restraint
- Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses in 1st Amend
- Clear and Present Danger
- Libel/Slander/Obscenity
- Preferred position Doctrine
- Least Restrictive Means
- Symbolic Speech (examples)
- Exclusionary Rule
- Search & Seizure/privacy issues
- Probable Cause
- Full Faith & Credit Clause
- Major Landmark Court Cases dealing with Civil Liberties (1st Amend issues)
- Civil Rights (how they differ from liberties)
- Separate But Equal Policy (Plessy/Brown)
- De Facto vs. De Jure
- Civil Disobedience
- Realignment of the South with Civil Rights issues
- Review Major provisions (page 138)
- Equality issues today/discrimination examples today
- Affirmative Action
- Americans with Disability Act (ADA)