9th Grade AP United States Government-Unit 1 Test Study Guide

*Be familiar with the following ideas, terms, and concepts for your unit 1 test which will cover chapters 1-3. The test questions are pulled from the text test bank so be sure you have read the chapters thoroughly and carefully.*

Political Science

American Values and Ideals

Individualism in American Politics

Barriers to political thinking

Politics, purposes

Power

Democracy vs. Republic

Theories of Power (majoritarianism, pluralism, elitism, bureaucratic)

Capitalism

Political Philosophers (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau)

Social Contract

Declaration of Independence, significance, ideas that influence it

Articles of Confederation-weaknesses, how does Constitution differ?

Constitution, purposes of Constitutionalism

Constitutional Convention, compromises made

Federalist papers, concerns of the anti-federalists

Grants and denials of power, separation of powers

Checks and balances

Enumerated/expressed powers, implied powers, reserved powers

10th amendment, what does it do?

Federalism, what is it?, what are its purposes in American government?

Federalism compared to unitary system or confederacy

Evolution of federalism in the United States over time

Different types of federalism (cooperative federalism, fiscal federalism, etc.)

Block vs. Categorical grants, advantage and disadvantages, which do states prefer?, which party prefer which type?