

AP US Government and Politics

Time : 87h 47m / Lessons : 93 / Activities : 256

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives	Time
Foundations of American Democracy	Introduction to AP US Government		7m
	Introduction to Unit 1		2m
	Introduction to Government	1. Describe the purposes and functions of government.	25m
		2. Explain the roles and responsibilities of citizenship.	
		3. Identify different structures of government.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 1 (The Study of American Government)		16m
	The Enlightenment	1. Identify Enlightenment ideas that created a new understanding of the role of government and the rights of citizens.	2h 4m
		2. Describe the goals of the Enlightenment.	
	The Need for a Constitution	1. Explain the powers granted by the Articles of the Confederation to the states and to the federal government.	1h 43m
		2. Analyze the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and its role in leading to the drafting of the US Constitution.	
		3. Identify the reasons for the creation of the Articles of Confederation.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 2 (The Constitution)		1h 46m
	Drafting the Constitution	1. Explain how the Great Compromise negotiated a plan for representation in Congress.	3h 30m
		2. Describe the key differences between states that led to debate during the Constitutional Convention.	
		3. Analyze the effects of the Three-Fifths Compromise in ending the ratification debates over slavery.	
	Principles and the Preamble	1. Explain what the Constitution specifies about the role and structure of government.	21m
2. Analyze the purposes and functions of the government as stated in the Preamble.			
Reading Lesson - Chapter 3 (Federalism)		3h 16m	
Federalism in the Constitution	1. Differentiate between types of state and federal powers.	31m	
	2. Define the role and purpose of federalism.		
Reading Lesson - Balance of Power		3h 16m	
AP Writing Lesson: Free-Response Questions		24m	
Unit Test	1. Describe the constitutional principles of separation of powers and checks and balances.	40m	
	2. Describe how political negotiation and compromise at the Constitutional Convention has affected the development of the constitutional system.		
	3. Describe how U.S. foundational documents convey Federalist and Anti-Federalist viewpoints on government and democracy.		
	4. Describe how models of representative democracy are evident in major institutions, policies, or debates in the US.		
	5. Describe the link between the main provisions of the Articles of Confederation and the argument for a more powerful central government.		
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Article I: Congress	1. Analyze the role of the Necessary and Proper Clause in establishing implied powers for Congress.	22m	
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	Free-Response Question: Interactions among Branches of Government		31m
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Introduction to Unit 3		2m	
Reading Lesson - Chapter 5 (Civil Liberties)		1m	
The Bill of Rights	1. Describe the purpose of each of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights.	20m	
	2. Explain how the Bill of Rights establishes civil liberties.		
Your Rights: Freedom of Religion	1. Describe the purpose and language of the First Amendment.	3h 24m	
	2. Analyze Court decisions concerning the First Amendment's establishment clause.		
Your Rights: Freedom of Expression	1. Define the political rights of freedom of speech, press, and assembly.	19m	
	2. Explain the limits placed on First Amendment rights and the reasons why these limits are in place.		
Reading Lesson - Freedom of Speech		4h 31m	
Your Rights: Due Process	1. Analyze Supreme Court interpretations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.	24m	
	2. Describe the rights of the accused as found in the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.		
Reading Lesson - Due Process		1h 46m	
Your Rights: Trials and Punishments	1. Identify the rights of the accused as defined by the Sixth and Eighth Amendments.	21m	
	2. Analyze how Supreme Court decisions created new interpretations of the Sixth and Eighth Amendments.		

Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	Reading Lesson - The Fourth and Eighth Amendments		16m
	Your Rights: Personal Privacy	1. Define an individual's right to privacy and the limits to that right.	1h 53m
		2. Analyze the effects of major Supreme Court cases related to privacy rights.	
		3. Explain how the Ninth Amendment guarantees the unenumerated rights of the people.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 6 (Civil Rights)		1h 46m
	Nonviolent Protest	1. Describe the impact of the violent resistance faced by protestors in Birmingham.	1h 3m
		2. Examine the resistance to federal desegregation and integration of universities in the South.	
		3. Explain the challenges faced by voter registration campaigns in the southern United States.	
	Extending Voting Rights	1. Summarize the contents of the Nineteenth and Twenty-Sixth Amendments.	19m
		2. Explain how the Fifteenth Amendment extended voting rights to African Americans.	
		3. Examine the effects of the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act of the 1960s.	
	Reading Lesson - The Second and 14th Amendments		2h 1m
	The Fourteenth Amendment	1. Analyze the importance of the Fourteenth Amendment in incorporating the Bill of Rights.	1h 51m
		2. Describe the civil rights protections created by the Fourteenth Amendment.	
	The Supreme Court and Civil Rights	1. Describe major Supreme Court cases involving Fourteenth Amendment Rights.	1h 56m
		2. Analyze the ways the Constitution protects and limits the rights and powers of both government and individuals.	
3. Explain how the Supreme Court has reinterpreted civil rights over time.			
Free-Response Questions: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights		31m	
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2		30m	
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3		30m	
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4		30m	
Unit Test	1. Describe the degree to which the due process clause limits states from infringing upon the rights of individuals.	40m	
	2. Explain the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.		
	3. Describe the extent to which the Supreme Court's interpretation of the First and Second Amendments demonstrates a commitment to individual liberty.		
	4. Describe how individual liberties and rights are protected by the US Constitution.		
	5. Describe how the government has reacted to social movements.		
	6. Describe how social movements are motivated and supported by constitutional provisions.		
	7. Describe how the Supreme Court has worked to balance claims of individual freedom with laws and procedures that promote public order and safety.		
	8. Describe how the Supreme Court has at times allowed the restriction of the civil rights of minority groups and at other times has protected those rights.		
	9. Describe the ramifications of the doctrine of selective incorporation.		
American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	Introduction to Unit 4		2m
	Political Perspectives	1. Identify major political ideologies.	30m
		2. Analyze the factors that influence a person's political beliefs.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 7 (Public Opinion)		16m
	Creating Public Policy	1. Define public policy.	23m
		2. Identify the ways public policy is made.	
		3. Describe influences on the creation of public policy.	
	Economic Policy	1. Describe the economic goals of governments.	23m
		2. Explain how policies are formed and created.	
		3. Identify the types of economic policies that are created by governments.	
	Economic Policy: Influential Theories	1. Explain the contributions of Adam Smith to classical economic theory.	1h 54m
2. Examine the theories of Friedrich Hayek and Milton Friedman.			
3. Describe the fundamental policy principles of Keynesian economics.			
Social Policy	1. Examine the factors that influence public assistance programs.	35m	
	2. Identify the government's role in establishing education policy.		
	3. Analyze the issues facing social security programs.		
Reading Lesson - Chapter 9 (Political Parties)		16m	

	Political Parties	1. Describe the rise and transformation of political parties.	33m
		2. Analyze how political parties govern.	
		3. Explain how political parties are organized.	
	Free-Response Question: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs		31m
	Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2		30m
	Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3		30m
	Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4		30m
	Unit Test	1. Describe the link between attitudes about the role of government and core beliefs of US citizens.	40m
		2. Explain diverse political ideologies concerning the role of government in regulating the marketplace.	
		3. Describe how policy debates are shaped by the ideologies of the two major parties.	
		4. Describe the impact of different ideologies on policy regarding social issues.	
		5. Describe how political ideologies differ on the role of the government in addressing social issues.	
		6. Explain the essential features of a scientific poll.	
		7. Describe how US political culture, such as values, attitudes, and beliefs, affects the development, goals, and implementation of public policy over time.	
		8. Describe the value and veracity of claims based on public opinion statistics.	
		9. Explain various forms of governance and political organization.	
Political Participation	Introduction to Unit 5		2m
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 4 (American Political Culture)		16m
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 8 (Political Participation)		16m
	Voting	1. Describe the process of voting.	20m
		2. Analyze voter turnout trends.	
		3. Explain issues surrounding the creation of voting districts.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 10 (Elections and Campaigns)		31m
	Campaigns and Elections	1. Explain the primary and election process.	2h 8m
		2. Describe how campaigns are structured, held, and funded.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 11 (Interest Groups)		16m
	Interest Groups and Lobbying	1. Describe the purpose and influence of interest groups and public action committees.	19m
		2. Examine the function and influence of lobbyists.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 12 (The Media)		1h 46m
	The Media and Politics	1. Describe the ways media sources influence elections and the creation of policy.	2h 7m
		2. Examine the ways politicians use the media to communicate a message.	
	Free-Response Question: Political Participation		31m
	Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2		30m
	Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3		30m
	Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4		30m
	Unit Test		1. Explain linkage institutions.
2. Describe the roles that individual choice and state laws play on voter turnout in elections.			
3. Explain the voting rights protections in the US Constitution and in legislation.			
4. Describe the impact of campaign organizations and strategies on the election process.			
5. Describe the impact of national political campaigns (e.g., organization, finance, and strategies) on the election process.			
6. Describe the function of political parties and the impact they have on the electorate and the government.			
7. Describe why and how political parties evolve and adapt.			
8. Describe how the Electoral College impacts democratic participation.			
9. Describe the impact of structural barriers on third-party and independent candidates' success.			
10. Describe how the various processes work in US congressional elections.			
11. Describe how the various processes work in a US presidential election.			
12. Explain the various models of voting behavior.			

	<p>13. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of interest groups' influence on elections and policy-making.</p> <p>14. Describe how different political players impact public policy outcomes.</p> <p>15. Describe how differences in types and resources of interest groups affect their ability to influence elections and policy-making</p> <p>16. Describe the role of the media as a linkage institution.</p> <p>17. Describe the impact increasingly diversified media and communication outlets have on political institutions and behavior.</p>	
	Exam Strategies	8m
	Unit 1 Review	5m
	Unit 2 Review	5m
	Unit 3 Review	5m
	Unit 4 Review	5m
	Unit 5 Review	5m
Practice Exam I	<p>1. Describe how models of representative democracy are evident in major institutions, policies, or debates in the US.</p> <p>2. Describe how political negotiation and compromise at the Constitutional Convention has affected the development of the constitutional system.</p> <p>3. Describe how the separation of powers and the concept of checks and balances influence the US political system.</p> <p>4. Describe how the distribution of powers among three federal branches and between national and state governments influences policy-making.</p> <p>5. Explain the various structures, powers, and functions of each house of Congress.</p> <p>6. Describe how societal needs affect the constitutional appropriation of power between the federal and state governments.</p> <p>7. Describe how the president ensures responsibilities of the executive branch and its agencies in accordance with the goals of the administration.</p> <p>8. Describe how the various processes work in a US presidential election.</p> <p>9. Describe how the election process, partisanship, and a divided government influence congressional behavior.</p> <p>10. Describe how the bureaucracy carries out the responsibilities of the federal government.</p> <p>11. Describe the impact of campaign organizations and strategies on the election process.</p> <p>12. Describe how the president's agenda can cause tension and conflict with Congress.</p> <p>13. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of interest groups' influence on elections and policy-making.</p> <p>14. Describe the role of the media as a linkage institution.</p> <p>15. Describe how individual liberties and rights are protected by the US Constitution.</p> <p>16. Describe why and how political parties evolve and adapt.</p> <p>17. Describe how the executive and legislative branches of government can restrict the Supreme Court's power.</p> <p>18. Describe how US political culture, such as values, attitudes, and beliefs, impacts the development, goals, and implementation of public policy over time.</p> <p>19. Describe how social movements are motivated and supported by constitutional provisions.</p> <p>20. Describe the ramifications of the doctrine of selective incorporation.</p> <p>21. Explain diverse political ideologies concerning the role of government in regulating the marketplace.</p> <p>22. Describe how the Supreme Court has worked to balance individual freedom with laws and procedures that promote public order and safety.</p> <p>23. Explain the essential features of a scientific poll.</p> <p>24. Explain the various models of voting behavior.</p> <p>25. Explain various forms of governance and political organization.</p>	2h 16m
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Review	Practice Exam II	<p>12. Describe how the use of judicial review and life tenure can incite debate over the legitimacy of the Supreme Court's power.</p> <p>13. Describe how the president ensures responsibilities of the executive branch and its agencies in accordance with the goals of the administration.</p> <p>14. Describe the principle of judicial review and how it regulates the power of state governments and other institutions.</p> <p>15. Describe the degree to which the due process clause limits states from infringing upon the rights of individuals.</p> <p>16. Describe how the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution reflect democratic ideals.</p> <p>17. Describe how the structure, powers, and functions of both houses of Congress impact policymaking.</p> <p>18. Specify the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.</p> <p>19. Describe the constitutional principles of separation of powers and checks and balances.</p> <p>20. Describe the impact of different ideologies on policy regarding social issues.</p> <p>21. Describe how presidents have interpreted and defended their use of formal and informal powers.</p> <p>22. Describe the roles that individual choice and state laws play on voter turnout in elections.</p> <p>23. Describe how the Electoral College impacts democratic participation.</p> <p>24. Explain the voting rights protections in the US Constitution and in legislation.</p> <p>25. Describe how the various processes work in US congressional elections.</p> <p>26. Describe the impact increasingly diversified media and communication outlets have on political institutions and behavior.</p> <p>27. Describe the value and veracity of claims based on public opinion statistics.</p> <p>28. Describe how different political players impact public policy outcomes.</p> <p>29. Explain linkage institutions.</p> <p>30. Describe how differences in types and resources of interest groups affect their ability to influence elections and policy-making.</p> <p>31. Describe the impact of national political campaigns (e.g., organization, finance, and strategies) on the election process.</p> <p>32. Describe the function of political parties and the impact they have on the electorate and the government.</p>	2h 16m
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Your Rights: Freedom of Religion	1. Describe the purpose and language of the First Amendment.	3h 24m

	2. Analyze Court decisions concerning the First Amendment's establishment clause.	
Your Rights: Freedom of Expression	1. Define the political rights of freedom of speech, press, and assembly. 2. Explain the limits placed on First Amendment rights and the reasons why these limits are in place.	19m
Reading Lesson - Freedom of Speech		4h 31m
Your Rights: Due Process	1. Analyze Supreme Court interpretations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments. 2. Describe the rights of the accused as found in the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.	24m
Reading Lesson - Due Process		1h 46m
Your Rights: Trials and Punishments	1. Identify the rights of the accused as defined by the Sixth and Eighth Amendments. 2. Analyze how Supreme Court decisions created new interpretations of the Sixth and Eighth Amendments.	21m
Reading Lesson - The Fourth and Eighth Amendments		16m
Your Rights: Personal Privacy	1. Define an individual's right to privacy and the limits to that right. 2. Analyze the effects of major Supreme Court cases related to privacy rights. 3. Explain how the Ninth Amendment guarantees the unenumerated rights of the people.	1h 53m
Reading Lesson - Chapter 6 (Civil Rights)		1h 46m
Nonviolent Protest	1. Describe the impact of the violent resistance faced by protestors in Birmingham. 2. Examine the resistance to federal desegregation and integration of universities in the South. 3. Explain the challenges faced by voter registration campaigns in the southern United States.	1h 3m
Extending Voting Rights	1. Summarize the contents of the Nineteenth and Twenty-Sixth Amendments. 2. Explain how the Fifteenth Amendment extended voting rights to African Americans. 3. Examine the effects of the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act of the 1960s.	19m
Reading Lesson - The Second and 14th Amendments		2h 1m
The Fourteenth Amendment	1. Analyze the importance of the Fourteenth Amendment in incorporating the Bill of Rights. 2. Describe the civil rights protections created by the Fourteenth Amendment.	1h 51m
The Supreme Court and Civil Rights	1. Describe major Supreme Court cases involving Fourteenth Amendment Rights. 2. Analyze the ways the Constitution protects and limits the rights and powers of both government and individuals. 3. Explain how the Supreme Court has reinterpreted civil rights over time.	1h 56m
Free-Response Questions: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights		31m
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2		30m
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3		30m
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4		30m
Unit Test	1. Describe the degree to which the due process clause limits states from infringing upon the rights of individuals. 2. Explain the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. 3. Describe the extent to which the Supreme Court's interpretation of the First and Second Amendments demonstrates a commitment to individual liberty. 4. Describe how individual liberties and rights are protected by the US Constitution. 5. Describe how the government has reacted to social movements. 6. Describe how social movements are motivated and supported by constitutional provisions. 7. Describe how the Supreme Court has worked to balance claims of individual freedom with laws and procedures that promote public order and safety. 8. Describe how the Supreme Court has at times allowed the restriction of the civil rights of minority groups and at other times has protected those rights. 9. Describe the ramifications of the doctrine of selective incorporation.	40m
American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	Introduction to Unit 4	2m
Political Perspectives	1. Identify major political ideologies. 2. Analyze the factors that influence a person's political beliefs.	30m
Reading Lesson - Chapter 7 (Public Opinion)		16m
Creating Public Policy	1. Define public policy. 2. Identify the ways public policy is made. 3. Describe influences on the creation of public policy.	23m
Economic Policy	1. Describe the economic goals of governments.	23m

		2. Explain how policies are formed and created.	
		3. Identify the types of economic policies that are created by governments.	
Economic Policy: Influential Theories		1. Explain the contributions of Adam Smith to classical economic theory.	1h 54m
		2. Examine the theories of Friedrich Hayek and Milton Friedman.	
		3. Describe the fundamental policy principles of Keynesian economics.	
Social Policy		1. Examine the factors that influence public assistance programs.	35m
		2. Identify the government's role in establishing education policy.	
		3. Analyze the issues facing social security programs.	
Reading Lesson - Chapter 9 (Political Parties)			16m
Political Parties		1. Describe the rise and transformation of political parties.	33m
		2. Analyze how political parties govern.	
		3. Explain how political parties are organized.	
Free-Response Question: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs			31m
Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2			30m
Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3			30m
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Unit Test		1. Describe the link between attitudes about the role of government and core beliefs of US citizens.	40m
		2. Explain diverse political ideologies concerning the role of government in regulating the marketplace.	
		3. Describe how policy debates are shaped by the ideologies of the two major parties.	
		4. Describe the impact of different ideologies on policy regarding social issues.	
		5. Describe how political ideologies differ on the role of the government in addressing social issues.	
		6. Explain the essential features of a scientific poll.	
		7. Describe how US political culture, such as values, attitudes, and beliefs, affects the development, goals, and implementation of public policy over time.	
		8. Describe the value and veracity of claims based on public opinion statistics.	
		9. Explain various forms of governance and political organization.	
Political Participation	Introduction to Unit 5		2m
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 4 (American Political Culture)		16m
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 8 (Political Participation)		16m
	Voting	1. Describe the process of voting.	20m
		2. Analyze voter turnout trends.	
		3. Explain issues surrounding the creation of voting districts.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 10 (Elections and Campaigns)		31m
	Campaigns and Elections	1. Explain the primary and election process.	2h 8m
		2. Describe how campaigns are structured, held, and funded.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 11 (Interest Groups)		16m
	Interest Groups and Lobbying	1. Describe the purpose and influence of interest groups and public action committees.	19m
		2. Examine the function and influence of lobbyists.	
	Reading Lesson - Chapter 12 (The Media)		1h 46m
	The Media and Politics	1. Describe the ways media sources influence elections and the creation of policy.	2h 7m
		2. Examine the ways politicians use the media to communicate a message.	
	Free-Response Question: Political Participation		31m
	Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2		30m
	Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3		30m
	Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4		30m
	Unit Test	1. Explain linkage institutions.	40m
		2. Describe the roles that individual choice and state laws play on voter turnout in elections.	
		3. Explain the voting rights protections in the US Constitution and in legislation.	

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5. Describe the impact of national political campaigns (e.g., organization, finance, and strategies) on the election process.
6. Describe the function of political parties and the impact they have on the electorate and the government.
7. Describe why and how political parties evolve and adapt.
8. Describe how the Electoral College impacts democratic participation.
9. Describe the impact of structural barriers on third-party and independent candidates' success.
10. Describe how the various processes work in US congressional elections.
11. Describe how the various processes work in a US presidential election.
12. Explain the various models of voting behavior.
13. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of interest groups' influence on elections and policy-making.
14. Describe how different political players impact public policy outcomes.
15. Describe how differences in types and resources of interest groups affect their ability to influence elections and policy-making.
16. Describe the role of the media as a linkage institution.
17. Describe the impact increasingly diversified media and communication outlets have on political institutions and behavior.

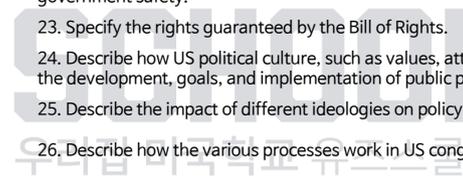
Review	Exam Strategies	8m
	Unit 1 Review	5m
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	Unit 3 Review	5m
	Unit 4 Review	5m
	Unit 5 Review	5m
	Practice Exam I	2h 16m
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe how models of representative democracy are evident in major institutions, policies, or debates in the US. 2. Describe how political negotiation and compromise at the Constitutional Convention has affected the development of the constitutional system. 3. Describe how the separation of powers and the concept of checks and balances influence the US political system. 4. Describe how the distribution of powers among three federal branches and between national and state governments influences policy-making. 5. Explain the various structures, powers, and functions of each house of Congress. 6. Describe how societal needs affect the constitutional appropriation of power between the federal and state governments. 7. Describe how the president ensures responsibilities of the executive branch and its agencies in accordance with the goals of the administration. 8. Describe how the various processes work in a US presidential election. 9. Describe how the election process, partisanship, and a divided government influence congressional behavior. 10. Describe how the bureaucracy carries out the responsibilities of the federal government. 11. Describe the impact of campaign organizations and strategies on the election process. 12. Describe how the president's agenda can cause tension and conflict with Congress. 13. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of interest groups' influence on elections and policy-making. 14. Describe the role of the media as a linkage institution. 15. Describe how individual liberties and rights are protected by the US Constitution. 16. Describe why and how political parties evolve and adapt. 17. Describe how the executive and legislative branches of government can restrict the Supreme Court's power. 18. Describe how US political culture, such as values, attitudes, and beliefs, impacts the development, goals, and implementation of public policy over time. 19. Describe how social movements are motivated and supported by constitutional provisions. 20. Describe the ramifications of the doctrine of selective incorporation. 21. Explain diverse political ideologies concerning the role of government in regulating the marketplace. 22. Describe how the Supreme Court has worked to balance individual freedom with laws and procedures that promote public order and safety. 23. Explain the essential features of a scientific poll. 24. Explain the various models of voting behavior. 25. Explain various forms of governance and political organization. 	
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7. Describe how Congress employs oversight power in its work with the executive branch.
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13. Describe how the president ensures responsibilities of the executive branch and its agencies in accordance with the goals of the administration.
14. Describe the principle of judicial review and how it regulates the power of state governments and other institutions.
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