Civics End of Course Exam Study Guide

	A member of a community and owes loyalty to the government and is entitled to its protection. Enjoys rights, responsibilities and obligations.
Natural born citizen	
	Must be 18, live in U.S. for 5 years, must pass citizenship test, oath to uphold Constitution
	A person's nationality at birth is the same as that of his natural parents
Law of soil	A person's nationality at birth is determined by
	Right to vote
	Should Do: Vote, volunteer, attend civic meetings
U.S. citizens obligations (duties)	Must Do:
	Men ages 18-25 must register to serve our country
Popular sovereignty	
Representative democracy	(United States)
Republic	A representative democracy in which citizens choose their lawmakers. (United States)
Absolute Monarchy	Form of government in which the leader is an .
	A single individual run government. Autocrats often come to power through control of the military. Citizens have almost no rights.
	Form of democracy because the government has a constitution which allows citizens' rights and responsibilities. Power of the king/queen is extremely limited and Parliament runs the government.
Parliament	Lawmaking body of government (similar to Congress)
Oligarchy	
Socialism	System in which government owns some factors of production and distributes the products and wages. Idea is for everyone to be equal. It is easily corrupted.

	Dictatorship of one party. Government owns all. No private ownership of property
	Power is divided between states & national government. (United States)
Unitary System	Government with centralized power. Colonies under British War. Ex. Dictatorship, monarch
Confederal government	Powers strong in the states and less in the central authority. Ex. America's first government after Revolutionary War: Articles of the Revolution
	Established Limited government.
	Purpose was to establish a government with rules. Self-Government for the new world.
English Bill of Rights	Ended the struggle between the ()and the Gave more power to citizens.
Enlightenment	Shaped the New thoughts on government and life.
	Enlightenment thinker who believed that governments should serve the people. Thomas Jefferson referred to when listing the natural rights of "Life,, and the pursuit of Happiness" in the Declaration of Independence. Social Contract: citizens should overthrow a bad government.
Social Contract	People follow rules, government protects people's rights.
Montesquieu's	Ideas about power in government are referred to as the Three branches: Legislative, Executive, Judicial
	Colonists wanted more land westward. Britain sent troops to help win the war. King George felt the colonists should have to repay war costs and forbade them to expand into old French territory. Taxing of the colonists increased.
	Tax on every piece of printed paper; legal documents, licenses, newspapers etc.
Townshend Act 1767	Placed new taxes on
Tea Act of 1773	Required colonists to buy only from the British East India Company. Colonists response:
	: Required colonists to provide housing for British soldiers : Also included: closing Boston Harbor until ruined tea was paid for and made town meetings illegal.
First Continental Congress	Sent a to King George asking him to respect the colonists' rights as British citizens. Organized a of British goods and banned trade with Britain.

Thomas Paine's	The 1776 publication moved colonists to declare independence from England.	
Second	Fighting between colonist and British had begun. Approved the Declaration of	
Continental	Independence	
Congress	1	
Tyranny	Cruel government.	
	Document declaring colonies independence from King and England. Free from the tyranny of the King.	
Grievances	Listed in Declaration of Independence to prove colonists had good reason to rebel. Taxation without representation, no trial, quartering troops.	
	First constitution. Confederal government. Government created was too weak. Could not tax. No executive branch. No power to regulate trade. No national court system. Changes required consent of all states	
	Event that exposed the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation	
Constitution Convention	Delegates met in Philadelphia to fix Articles. Decided to start new Constitution with stronger national government	
Federalist Papers	These writings helped persuade some states to ratify the United States Constitution.	
	Against Constitution until Bill of Rights added. Wanted fundamental citizen rights	
	To approve	
U.S. Constitution	Written plan of government. Supreme Law of the Land	
	Federal laws prevail over state laws.	
	All citizens must obey Constitution as supreme law of the land	
	First paragraph of the Constitution listing the six goals of the government	
We the People	 Phrase in the Preamble which refers to the principle of popular sovereignty (translate the below phrases to terms you understand) "form a more perfect Union"	
	"Establish Justice"—	
	"insure domestic Tranquility" –	
	"provide for the common defense"	
	"promote the general Welfare"—	
	• "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves & our Posterity"—	
Elastic Clause	Allows flexibility to Constitution/ allows Congress to stretch the its power	
	System in which each branch of government is able to check the power of the others. Each branch of government can restrain the other branches	
Examples of	 President veto bills. Congress can override veto. Judicial Branch nullify laws. Senate must 	
Checks and	confirm Presidential nominations. Senate accepts or refuse Presidential made treaties.	
Balances	Congress can impeach President.	
	Group of people named by each state legislature to select the president and vice president	
Separation of	Powers of national government are divided among branches of government	
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	A law that would allow a person when it was committed	n to be punished for an action that was not against the law
Writ of Habeas		
Corpus		
Bill of Attainder		
	• •	ct designed to increase the voting strength of a particular
	group	
		U.S. Constitution
Step 1: Am		U.S. Constitution Step 2: Amendment ratified by (accepted)
	Amending the	

Legislative Branch: Article I			
Makes the laws			
	Congress: Bicameral =2 H	louses	
Bicameral:			
Members			
Representation Based On	Population – per Census	2 per state	
Requirements	yrs. old	yrs. Old	
	7 yr. U.S. citizen	9 yrs. U.S. citizen	
Term			
Leader		President Pro Tempore when the Vice-	
		President is not in attendance. V.P. may	
		break tie votes.	
Specific Functions	Originate "money bills"	Approve treaties	
	Impeach officials / judges	Approve presidential appointments	
		Trial of impeached officials / judges	

Executive Branch: Article II: Enforces the law		1	Presidential Roles
	Must be 35 yrs. Old. Native born citizen.	 Chief Diplomat	Head of military Directs foreign policy
	Resident of U.S. for 14 yrs.	Legislative Leader	Represents U.S. to other leaders Proposes laws for Congress to consider
President	Power tobills	Chief Executive	Propose budget, etc. Head of executive/agencies
	passed by Congress		Leader of his political party

Executive		15 Departments	
Departments	executive	Dept. of Homeland	Coordinate defense against terrorist
	Depts Advise the	Security	acts
	president	Dept. of Interior	Manages public lands and resources
		Dept. of State	Carries out foreign policy
		Dept. of Justice	Law enforcement

Judicial Branch	Requirement	Appointed by	
Article III		Pres. and	
Interpret the law		approved by	
		Senate	
	Term		
	Highest Court – original jurisc	liction for disputes	justices.
	between states and trial of fore	eign officials only	Have power of judicial review.
Courts	Hears appeals. Reviews the fairness of cases from		12 geographic circuit courts and
	lower courts. No original jurisdiction		1 federal circuit court for
			special cases
District Courts	Original jurisdiction in most cases. Hears		94 district courts
	evidence. Gives verdict.		

Amendment	Rights
1 st	
2 nd	
3 rd	No quartering of soldiers in homes during peacetime
4 th	No unreasonable searches or seizures; "right to privacy"
5 th	Due Process/ No double jeopardy /
6 th	Right to fair & speedy trial / right to counsel (lawyer)
7 th	Right to jury trial in civil cases involving \$20 or more
8 th	No cruel and unusual punishment or excessive bail
9 th	People not limited to rights stated in the Bill of Rights
10 th	Powers not given to national government are

Amendment	Rights
13 th	Abolished
14 th	Establishes citizenship; provides protection to all citizens
15 th	regardless of race
19 th	Suffrage for
24 th	Prohibits (was a tax on voting to prevent minorities to vote)
26 th	Lowered voting age to (Vietnam War)

Civil Rights Acts of 1964	Bans discrimination based on gender, race, color, religion and national origin
Civil Rights Act of 1968	Provided for equal housing regardless of race, creed, or national origin
Voting Rights Act of 1965	Literacy tests prohibited.

Supreme Court Case	Decision		
	Established judicial review for the Supreme Court. Can override and nullify		
	other laws		
	Protected constitutional right to own slaves by overturning compromises on		
	slavery in the territories		
	Allowed segregation (separation) of the races. "Separate but equal"		
Brown v. Board of Education	Stated no longer allowed. "Segregation is inherently unequal"		
	Upheld right of students to wear black armbands in protest of the Vietnam War		
	as freedom of speech		
Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier	Allowed school administration to censor content of student newspaper		
	Right to legal counsel even if cannot afford one		
	Suspects must be informed of their rights at time of arrest		
	Rule of Law applies to all, even Presidents		
	Extended due process rights to juveniles		

Political	U.S. has a party system. Disagree on role and responsibilities of government.
parties	
Interest groups	Group of people who share a point of view and promote the issue. Influence political parties
	Represent interest groups and contact lawmakers hoping to influence their policy making.
	Prefer more government involvement, liberal. Pay for education
	Prefer less government regulation, conservative. Reduce taxes for businesses
	Series of statements describing the party's core beliefs and its positions on various issues.
Political ads	Not always trustworthy since they are designed to convince you to vote for a candidate and may not show all sides on an issue
Third parties	Often bring attention to social issues but lack money
	Media organization that exposes illegal practices or waste. The opposing party makes sure the party in office does not abuse its power.

	Media that uses carefully-crafted messages to manipulate people's actions.	
	One sided messages	
Uses facts and figures to show one side as positive and the other side as negative.		
	Uses your feelings about one thing to get you to feel the same way about something else	

Sends the message that a product or person is just like you			
Al [*]	Always shows something in a positive light but gives little or no information		
Uses your feelings about one thing to get you to feel the same way about something else			
Us	Uses facts and figures to show one side as positive and the other side as negative.		
De	Describes people going along with the rest of the crowd		
Constitutional law Covers interpretations of the powers of the federal government, disputes between the			
	branches of government, disputes between the federal government and states, and the scope		
of the rights protected by Constitutional amendments.			
Law designed to punish those who commit crimes. In criminal cases, the government			
prosecutes the accused.			
Law designed to resolve disputes between private parties and compensate victims.			
	Law that covers crimes committed by members of the armed forces.		

FEDERALISM			
Powers directly given to the national government	Powers shared by both national and states	Powers reserved to the states	
Coin money/Declare war/maintain	Collect taxes/establish	Conduct elections/marriage laws/vaccines/establishes public	
military	courts/enforce laws/ borrow money	schools	

Local Government Provides fire protection, trash collection				
Cities, towns, villages				
Mayor – Council Form	Mayor – executive		Has veto po	wer. Appoints many officials
			Cou	incil has most powers
	Council - legislative	Pa	asses	– city laws
Council – Manager Form	Council appoints a professional to manage city departments			
Commission Form	Elected as heads of city departments and choose one of their members to be mayor			

 1st constitution of nation 7 articles 	 6th constitution in Florida's state's history 12 articles
• added as first 10 amendments	• Begins with (similar to the us Bill of rights)
 Is a Broad framework of government Establish state government Does establish public education Allows for amendments but does not require regular reviews 	 Contains many specific provisions, such as provisions regarding a state lottery, conservation, transportation, and smoking in the workplace Establishes local governments (towns, cities, & counties) Establishes public education Requires a commission to review the constitution every 20 years for proposing changes
Both guarantee freedoms/Both have branches of government/Both have Congress	

How A Bill Becomes A Law

Bill Proposed	Committee Action	Floor Action	Conference Action	Passage
Only Senators	Assigned to	House and Senate	Members from both	President may sign bill into
or	appropriate	debate the bill	Senate and House	law or bill
Representatives		(both houses	work out a	
may propose a		MUST vote on a	compromise bill	
law		bill)		
Bill assigned a	Committee may	If passes as is by	Compromise bill	If president does nothing, it
number	recommend passage	both then goes to	sent back for vote	passes after 10 days
	or the bill	the president		normally
Sent to		If changed by	If passed then goes	If 10 days left in
committee		either then goes	to president	Congressional session,
		to		president may do nothing
				and it is automatically
				vetoed ()

Foreign Policy	Overall plan for dealing with other nations. Goals of foreign policy: national security,			
	build trade, promote world peace and advance democracy around the world.			
	United States and the Soviet Union were involved in a weapons race. Cuba approved a			
	plan by Soviet Union to place its missiles on the island of Cuba. Two U.S spy plans			
	found the missiles. President Kennedy decided on a naval blockade of Cuba. Almost			
	led to a nuclear war, but two leaders agreed diplomatically to the following: Soviet			
	Union would remove its missiles in Cuba. United States would not invade into Cuba			
	and will remove its missiles in Turkey (country next to Soviet Union)			
	Countries involved in the Vietnam War were North and South Vietnam, and United			
	States. North Vietnam which became communist and South Vietnam which was non-			
	communist. America has been fighting wars against communism, and felt that if one			
	country became communist then all countries would do the same, one-by-one (Domino			
	Theory)Tensions in the United States began to rise as protests about the war and			
	images of the war began to turn people against the war. North Vietnam, South			
	Vietnam and United States called for a cease-fire (truce). American soldiers returned			
	home. [Connection to the 26 th Amendment and Tinker v Des Moines]			
	Germany, United States, British, Japan and other countries. Initially in World War II,			
	the United States kept a neutral stance. Nazi Germany was getting more and more			
	territory, and England was losing. Lend-and-Lease Act: President Roosevelt provided			
	aid to Britain by lending U.S weapons and military aid to any government "that would			
	be vital (important) to the defense of the U.S". U.S enters WWII when Japan attacks			
	Pearl Harbor (in Hawaii) Italy and Germany surrendered, but Japan did not. The use of			
	the new weapon, Atomic bomb, on Nagasaki and Hiroshima caused Japan to			
	surrender			
	Countries Involved in the Korean War: United States, Soviet Union, North Korea and			
	South Korea, and Republic of China. After the end of WWII, the Allied Powers			
	(United States, England and Soviet Union) stripped Japan of its colonies which			
	included the Kingdom of Korea. Korea was spilt into two parts: North Korea and			
	South Korea, however this division was supposed to be temporary. The United States			
	went to prevent the spread of Communism. Led to a permanent division of North and			
	South Korea, and a Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea			
	Addresses issues of trade			
	Works to keep peace among nations. They support social progress; fight poverty;			
	protect human rights			
	North American Free Trade Association: removed most trade barriers between United			
	States, Canada and Mexico			
	Created as President Kennedy challenged students to make a difference in the world			
	Works to improve health for all people; ended smallpox and river blindness			
	Works to improve the lives of children around the world			
	Gives aid to people who are victims of war or natural disasters			

Explain how the Constitution limits the powers of government through a separation of powers and a system of checks and balances.	How did Montesquieu's view of separation and John Locke's theories related to natural law and Locke's social contract influence the founding fathers?
How did the Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, Mayflower Compact, and Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" influence colonist' views of government?	How did English policies and responses to colonial concerns led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence?
Explain the viewpoints of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists regarding the ratification of the Constitution and inclusion of the Bill of Rights.	Which characteristic serves as a long-term protection against tyranny and is a foundation of liberty in the United States?
Which statement supports the Anti-Federalists in the struggle over ratification of the U.S. Constitution?	How did the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments impact participation of minority groups in the American political process.
What are economic sanctions and why do countries like the U.S. use them when dealing with other nations?	List and explain examples of how the United States has dealt with foreign conflict.