

*AP Exam Preparation*

Listed below are key concepts/topics from the multiple-choice section of all released AP exams.

1. 14th Amendment
2. Amending the Constitution
3. American with Disabilities Act
4. amicus curiae briefs
5. Articles of Confederation vs. Constitution
6. Best budget predictor
7. Block grants and federalism
8. *Brown vs. Board of Education*
9. Bureaucratic advantage over president
10. Candidate centered campaigns
11. Categorical grants in aid
12. Changes in presidential election processes (since 1960)
13. Chart/graph reading and interpretation
14. Checks & balances
15. Civil Rights Act of 1964
16. Civil rights of the 1950s
17. Civil War amendments – purpose
18. Clear and present danger
19. Closed rule
20. Cloture motion (Senate)
21. Commerce clause
22. Committee chair power
23. Common criteria when voting for presidential candidates
24. Common political activities of citizens
25. Conference committee
26. Congressional Committee system
27. Congressional Incumbency advantage
28. Congressional oversight (example)
29. Congressional oversight of bureaucracy
30. Congressional power
31. Congressional response to Supreme Court ruling.
32. Congressional standing committees
33. Constituent service communication
34. Constituent services – maximize how?
35. Constitution-govt. authority divided across political institutions
36. Cooperative federalism
37. Core value of US political culture
38. Corporate lobbyist – how does he influence?
39. Creating new federal courts
40. Critical elections
41. Death penalty rulings
42. Delegates to major party conventions
43. Demographics of delegates to presidential nomination conventions.
44. Demographics of Democratic voters
45. Devolution
46. Difference between political parties and interest groups
47. Differences between House and Senate
48. Direct primaries vs. convention system
49. District court vs. appellate court
50. Divided government consequences – confirmation delays
51. Divided party control of presidency & congress
52. Doctrine of original intent
53. Drawing congressional districts
54. Due Process
55. Electoral behavior in the US
56. Electoral college
57. Elite & pluralist theories of politics
58. Entitlement spending
59. Establishment clause
60. Exclusionary rule
61. Executive agreement
62. Federal Budget entitlements (entitlement spending)
63. Federal election laws
64. Federal govt does not regulate negative advertising
65. Federal Grants-in-Aid
66. Federal judge nominees
67. Federal judges
68. Federal Reserve Board
69. Federal system of government
70. Federalism
71. Federalist No. 10
72. First Amendment
73. Fiscal federalism & cooperative federalism
74. Foreign policy deference
75. Fourteenth Amendment
76. Framer's creation of legislative branch
77. Framer's view of primary functions of government.
78. Framer's intent of economic powers
79. Franking privilege
80. Free exercise clause
81. Free Speech & assembly
82. Freedom of Information Act
83. Gerrymandering
84. *Griswold v. Connecticut* & *Roe v. Wade*
85. *Gitlow v. NY* & *NY Times v. Sullivan*
86. Group voting tendencies
87. Horse-race journalism
88. House & Senate differences in legislative process
89. House of Representatives elections
90. How do lobbyists try to influence legislators?
91. Impeachment process
92. Imprisonment without Trial
93. Incorporation doctrine (selective incorporation)
94. Incumbency reelection rate
95. Independent regulatory agencies & separation of powers
96. Independent regulatory commissions
97. Individual senators influence over legislative process
98. Influence of news media on public opinion
99. Influence on voters in presidential election
100. Influences on Republican Party Platform
101. Interest group activities
102. Interest group coalition building
103. Interest groups & political party roles.
104. Interest groups greatest influence
105. Iron triangles
106. Judicial activism
107. Judicial restraint
108. Judicial review – *Marbury v. Madison*

109. Labor union's legal activity
110. Lasting influence of Supreme Court appointments
111. Latino vote
112. Leading predictor of how people vote
113. Legislative & Executive Branch checks & balances
114. Legislative oversight
115. Legislative process
116. Legislative veto
117. Liberals & conservatives
118. Line item veto
119. Main debate b/n Federalists & Anti-Federalists
120. Main reason for two major political parties in US
121. Make-up of Congress (race, gender)
122. McCulloch v. Maryland
123. Media political coverage of presidential campaigns
124. Miranda v. Arizona
125. Most bills die where?
126. Motor Voter law
127. New Deal coalition members
128. News media ownership concentration
129. Office of Management & Budget
130. One person, one vote
131. Open vs. closed primary
132. PACs
133. Partisanship & voting
134. Party identification & voting behavior
135. Persistence of two-party system
136. Plea bargaining
137. Plessy v. Ferguson
138. Pluralist theory
139. Plurality election
140. Plurality vote results in presidential elections
141. Pocket veto
142. Political Action Committees (PACs)
143. Political efficacy
144. Political factions (Federalist Papers)
145. Political participation
146. Political parties - voter identification
147. Political parties not in Constitution
148. Political socialization
149. Pork barrel legislation
150. Position of Supreme Court on free speech
151. Power of federal bureaucracy
152. Power of the federal courts
153. President impounding funds
154. Presidential approval ratings
155. Presidential cabinet
156. Presidential difficulty controlling bureaucracy
157. Presidential influence on/persuasion of Congress
158. Presidential influence on federal judiciary
159. Presidential nominating process
160. Presidential powers
161. Presidential roles authorized by the Constitution
162. Presidential use of inherent powers
163. Presidential Veto
164. Primary elections
165. Primary formal role of the attorney general
166. Protection of legal rights for women
167. Public financing of elections
168. Reasons for low voter turnout
169. Reserved powers of state governments
170. Results of appealing case to Supreme Court
171. Revenue bill originate in which body?
172. Rise of interest groups
173. Roe v. Wade
174. Rule & Procedures of House & Senate
175. Rule of Four
176. Rules Committee
177. Selecting a vice-president
178. Selection of Supreme Court caseload
179. Selective incorporation (incorporation doctrine)
180. Senate confirmation process
181. Seniority system
182. Separate but equal
183. Separation of church and state
184. Shay's Rebellion
185. Single-member plurality districts
186. Socioeconomic status and political participation
187. Speaker of the House
188. Split ticket
189. Stare decisis
190. Sub-Committee works out...
191. Supreme Court and public opinion - relationship
192. Supreme Court Caseload
193. Supreme Court interpretation of free speech
194. Supreme Court justice tenure
195. Supreme Court justices' background
196. Supreme Court nomination process
197. Targets of lobbying
198. Tenth Amendment
199. Trends in Presidential Elections in the 1980s
200. Trust in government over time
201. Two major political party organization
202. Uncontrollable spending in federal budget
203. Unfunded mandates
204. U.S. v. Nixon
205. Use of executive orders
206. Voter demographics in presidential primary elections
207. Voter turnout rate
208. Voting behavior
209. Voting by 18-21 year olds
210. Voting eligibility decided by states
211. Voting patterns
212. Voting Rights Act of 1965
213. War Powers Resolution
214. Warren Court
215. Ways and Means Committee
216. What if no candidate earns majority of E.C. vote?
217. White House staff
218. Who can maintain national lobbying organizations?
219. Who do voters directly elect?
220. Writs of certiorari