

**American Government Final Exam Review Sheet
2010-2011**

Format:

- 50 multiple choice
- 1 visual analysis question (choice)
- 2 paragraph response questions (choice)
- 2 document based questions (choice)

Topics/Concepts to Review:

**Unit 1 Outline: Introduction to Politics and Federalism
Chapters 1, 4**

- Origins of American Government (John Locke, Social Contract, Rousseau)
- Types of Government (Democracy, Dictatorship, Parliamentary, etc.)
- Principles of American Government (Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances, etc.)
- Characteristics of a state (Sovereignty, Territory, Population, Government)
- Concepts of American Democracy (Free Enterprise, Mixed Economy, Majority Rule/Minority Rights)
- Federalism- The Division of Powers (State vs Federal Powers)
- Delegated powers, Expressed powers of Federal Government
- Implied vs. Expressed Powers
- The Elastic Clause; Supremacy Clause
- Inherent Powers; Exclusive Powers, Reserved Powers, Concurrent Powers

**Unit 2 Outline: Legislative Branch
Chapters 10, 11, 12**

- Congressional Terminology (bicameral; Senate; House; term; session; adjourn; gerrymandering; term lengths; election year/off-year elections; special session; constituency; oversight function; partisan; legislator; committee; subcommittee; delegate; majority; minority)
- Current Congressional Figures (Speaker of the House; majority leader; minority leader; etc)
- Non-legislative Powers of Congress (Constitutional Amendments; Electoral Duties; Impeachment; Executive; Investigatory Powers)
- Legislative Powers of Congress (Passing laws; Taxation; Borrowing; Commerce; Currency; Bankruptcy)
- Other Expressed Powers (War Powers; Foreign Relations; Judicial Powers)
- Organization of a session of Congress
- Purpose and operation of Congressional Committees (committees; sub-committees; joint committees; conference committees; etc)
- How does a bill become a law? (in House & Senate)