

**AP Government Unit 2 mid-unit exam Study Guide**

Chapters 11 & 12

Some of the following terms, concepts and objectives will potentially be on the Unit 2 mid-unit exam. Be prepared to answer 35 multiple choice questions ON any of the following information in a 40-minute class session.

Congress	Presidential Powers
<p><u>Vocabulary &amp; terms to know:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incumbents</li> <li>• Casework, earmarks &amp; Pork-Barrel</li> <li>• Bicameral legislature</li> <li>• House Rules Committee</li> <li>• Filibuster</li> <li>• Speaker of the House</li> <li>• Majority/Minority Leaders</li> <li>• Legislative oversight</li> <li>• Committee chairs</li> <li>• Seniority system</li> <li>• Whips</li> <li>• Standing Committees</li> <li>• Joint Committees</li> <li>• Conference Committees</li> <li>• Select Committees</li> <li>• Caucus</li> <li>• Bill</li> <li>• Gerrymandering</li> </ul>	<p><u>Vocabulary &amp; terms to know:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presidential Cabinet</li> <li>• Twenty-second Amendment</li> <li>• Twenty-fifth Amendment</li> <li>• Impeachment</li> <li>• National Security Council</li> <li>• Council of Economic Advisors</li> <li>• Office of Management and Budget</li> <li>• Veto</li> <li>• Pocket Veto</li> <li>• Legislative Veto</li> <li>• War Powers Resolution</li> <li>• Presidential Coattails</li> <li>• Executive Orders</li> <li>• Watergate</li> <li>• Head of State</li> <li>• Head of Government</li> <li>• Commander in Chief</li> <li>• Chief Guardian of the Economy</li> <li>• Chief Executive</li> <li>• Head of Political Party</li> <li>• Chief Diplomat</li> <li>• Chief of Legislature</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backgrounds and job specifics of members of Congress</li> <li>• Congressional representation in terms of pluralism, hyperpluralism and elitism</li> <li>• Principal factors influencing the outcomes in congressional elections</li> <li>• Differences in roles and responsibilities of the House and the Senate</li> <li>• Process of a bill to passage into law and influences on Congressional decision making</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities of each Congressional committees</li> <li>• Roles of congressional leaders, caucuses and staff</li> <li>• Role of gerrymandering in securing party control over districts</li> <li>• Factors contributing to the incumbent advantage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official and unofficial requirements for Presidents</li> <li>• Formal and Informal Powers of the Presidency</li> <li>• Roles of the Vice President, Executive Office, White House Staff and First Lady</li> <li>• Presidential influence and ability to win congressional support</li> <li>• Relationship with Congress in attempting to make national security policy</li> <li>• Factors that affect president’s approval ratings and public support</li> <li>• President’s relationship with the press and news coverage</li> </ul>