

AP Government Unit 2 (PART 2) Study Guide

Chapters 13 & 15

All of the following terms, concepts and objectives will potentially be on the exam. Be prepared to answer 35-40 multiple choice questions. The exam will include some questions from semester 1.

The Federal Budget	The Federal Judiciary
<p><u>Vocabulary & terms to know:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Deficit • Expenditures • Revenues • Income tax • Sixteenth Amendment • National debt • Tax expenditures • Social Security Act • Congressional Budget Office • Medicare • Incrementalism • Reconciliation • Authorization Bill • Appropriations Bill • Uncontrollable expenditures • Entitlements • House Ways and Means Committee • Senate Finance Committee • Continuing Resolutions 	<p><u>Vocabulary & terms to know:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gibbons v. Ogden</i> • <i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> • Amicus curiae • Appellate jurisdiction • Concurring opinion • Circuit Courts • Criminal law • Civil law • Dissenting opinion • Judicial activism • Judicial restraint • Judiciary committee • Litigation • Majority opinion • Minority opinion • Oral argument • Special courts • Stare decisis • Writ of certiorari • Original & Appellate Jurisdiction • Judicial review • Solicitor General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sources of funding of the federal government • Consequences of tax expenditures and borrowing • Relationship between budget deficit and national debt • Factors contributing to growth in the size of the federal budget • Role that politics plays in the budgetary process • Relationship between the President and Congress in passing the budget • Factors contributing to recent government turmoil over the budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic elements of the American judicial system and the major participants within it. • The structure of the federal court system and the major responsibilities of each component • The process by which judges and justices are nominated and confirmed • The backgrounds of judges and justices and the impact of background/precedent on their decisions • Supreme Court's use of judicial review in major policy battles in various eras of American history • The role of unelected courts and the scope of judicial power in American democracy.