

American Government Homework, Quarter 1

1.2

What are the five sources of power?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

2. What are three historical examples of rulers' legitimacy?

a.

c.

1.3

1. How were Hobbes and Locke's views of government's purpose different from our own?

4. Describe the four characteristics of modern nation states.

a.

b.

d.

1.4

Complete the chart.

Political Action	Explanation	Example
Purpose		
Collective action		

1.5

Complete the chart.

Political Game	Description	Example
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

2.2

1. Why was centralized power necessary in the ancient world and how was it abused?
2. What new forms of government did Greece and Rome create?
3. Why was feudalism necessary after the fall of Rome and what type of government did it evolve into?
4. How did governments further evolve and change after 17th and 18th century revolutions?

2.3

Complete the chart.

Type of government	Definition	Pros	Cons
Monarchy			
Dictatorship			
Theocracy			
Single party state			
Direct democracy			
Parliamentary democ			
Presidential democ			

2.4

System of government	Definition	Pros	Cons

2.5

Economic System	Definition	Pros	Cons

4.2

1. Complete the chart.

ements of the Constitution	Purpose	Example
Preamble		
Articles		
Amendment		

2. What is the difference between enumerated and implied powers?

3. Why does each branch of government have different responsibilities and power?

4.3

1. What are the steps to amend the Constitution?

2. What five issues were resolved with a new amendment?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

4.4

Complete the chart on guiding principles of the Constitution.

Principle	Explanation	Example	Where in Constitution?

4.5

1. What is the difference between strict and loose construction of the Constitution?

2. Complete the chart.

Landmark Case	Date	Facts of case	Summary of decision	Significance of decision

5.2

1. What is the difference between civil liberties and civil rights?
2. What were the early challenges to enforcing the Bill of Rights?
3. What do the NAACP and ACLU have in common?

4. How did the *Abrams* case clarify the *Schenck* case?

5. Why was the *Gitlow* case a landmark decision (hint: it was not about free speech)

5.3

For each of the following, summarize in 3-5 sentences.

The Establishment Clause

The Free Exercise Clause

Freedom of Speech

Freedom of Press

Freedom of Assembly

5.4

Summarize the following in 3-5 sentences.

Second Amendment

Third Amendment

Fourth Amendment

5.5

Summarize the following in 3-5 sentences.

Fifth Amendment

Sixth Amendment

Seventh Amendment

Eighth Amendment

5.6

Summarize the following in 3-5 sentences.

Ninth Amendment

Tenth Amendment

6.2

1. Use the chart on page 99 to summarize the following:
- _____ powers reserved for the states:

Powers (expressed) for the federal government:

Powers state and federal governments share:

2. Complete the chart.

Benefit of Federal System	Example

6.3

Complete the chart. Include the court cases involving devolution of power to the states.

Case	Law in question	Supreme Court decision

6.4

1. Describe three ways that state constitutions, in addition to being longer, are different than the federal Constitution.

a.

b.

c.

2. Complete the chart.

Role of State Legislature	Explanation	Example

6.5

1. What do county governments do?

2. Write down two examples of how the city of Galveston is run?

3. How can you get involved in your city government’s decision making?

8.2

1. What do political parties doe?

b.

c.

d.

e.

4. Complete the chart.

Issue	Democratic view	Republican view

5. What are four types third parties?

a.

b.

c.

d.

6. What role does a third party play in the two party system?

8.3

2. Complete the chart.

Type of interest group	What they do	Example

4. Complete the chart.

Ways to influence policy	Explanation	Example
Lobbying		

8.4

Complete the chart.

Step in policy making process	Explanation	Example

9.2

What are the six factors of political socialization?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

Describe three ways in which public opinion is shaped.

a.

b.

c.

9.3

1. What is the difference between a straw poll and a scientific sampling?

3. List and explain three types of polls.

a.

c.

