

## Civics Final Exam Review

**Directions:** Use this study guide to prepare for the Final Exam. Write as many notes as you need to, either on this sheet or on a separate sheet(s) of paper. You will not be graded on the study guide; however, a thoroughly completed study guide will help you prepare for the Final Exam.

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Define Democracy -

What is Federalism?

What is a constitution?

Define Oligarchy -

What is representative democracy and when is it used?

What is the Mayflower Compact?

What was America's first formal written plan of government?

Who authored the Declaration of Independence?

What did the Anti-Federalists want added to the original version of the Constitution?

What war prompted the British to begin the taxation of the American colonies?

Popular Sovereignty is the basis for which American document?

What is required to over-ride a Presidential Veto?

What is necessary to make changes to the Constitution?

What are the first ten amendments to the Constitution called?

The Constitution is divided into three parts. What are they?

The 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments are also referred to as the...

Define Mandate (in civics/government terms) -

Define Bureaucracy -

In what Article of the Constitution are citizens given privileges and immunities?

Define bicameral -

Who is the presiding officer of the House of Representatives?

Who is the president of the Senate?

What are the 3 main requirements a person must meet to become a U.S. Senator?

What is a subpoena?

The presidents have gradually assumed more responsibility for what financial plan?

What are Political Action Committees?

What do federal grants and contracts provide?

What is an entitlement? Be able to identify a government entitlement.

Who are lobbyists?

What major political party tends to favor social-welfare programs?

What is pork-barrel legislation?

What is the order of presidential succession (hint: you need to know past the Vice President)?

What is the winner-take-all system used during the Presidential election?

Who makes up the president's cabinet?

What is the State of the Union address?

What are the 3 major formal requirements for becoming president?

Who is the head of the executive branch?

The formal charging of a crime (and trial) by Congress against the president or high ranking official is called...

Congressional override gives Congress power over which branch (specific person)?

Define line-item veto -

What are the responsibilities of the Department of the State?

What do regulatory commissions do?

What is an embassy?

From where do federal courts get their power?

What is the Supreme Court?

What is the decision of the Supreme Court called?

Without due process, a state may not take what three things from a person (hint: John Locke's ideas of government)?

How many district courts are there in the U.S.?

What landmark Supreme Court case was overturned by *Brown v. Board of Education*?

From where do most of the Supreme Court's cases come from?

Most of the cases heard by the Supreme Court involve what type of issue?

Who holds the confirmation power over a presidential Supreme Court nominee?

In similar court cases, what do judges use to make their decision?

Constitutional Law involves cases that decide...

Laws help to guarantee...

In terms of the judicial system, what is sentencing?

What is the name for a voting district?

What is another name (not example) for third parties?

Define Closed Primary -

National elections (e.g. presidential, congressional, etc.) are always held on which day (a specific day of the week, not a date)?

Define Propaganda -

This is equal to the number of representatives and senators from the states, plus three votes from Washington, D.C.

What is the name of groups that support political campaigns through campaign contributions?

What is the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment?

What is foreign policy?

Who has the power to formally declare war?

What is the official title of the person who heads the State Department?

All 18-year-old males in this country must register...

What is a unicameral state legislature?

Who is the head of the executive branch at the state level?

What state document establishes local governments?

What is a ballot initiative?

Define Extradition -

In what geographic regions of the United States are the township forms of government found?

What local level elected group is responsible for establishing local school policy?

What is the name of the lawmaking process used in New England states in which citizens directly participate in the local lawmaking process?

What is the term for the regulation of land and buildings?

Where do local governments get most of their funding from?

What is apartheid and in what country was it most prevalent?

What is nuclear proliferation?

Since WWII, from what geographical world region have most terrorists come from?

What type of government was developed by the ancient Greeks and Romans?

In what countries government can you find the House of Commons?

What is Japan's parliament called?