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Civics Final Study Guide

Complete by Wednesday/Thursday Jan. 21st/22nd for 3 bonus points on the exam!

Study:

-Textbook chapters

-Class notes and handouts

-Homeworks (especially outlines)

-Prior tests and study guides

Format of the final:

-50 multiple choice

-Short Answer (short writing, text analysis)

-Essay (five paragraphs) if you do not turn in your alternative project

**First Semester Review:**

Democracy:

Republic:

Declaration of Independence:

Constitution:

Checks and Balances:

Federalism:

Separation of powers:

Bill of Rights:

Political parties and political ideology (liberal, conservative, moderate):

Democrats and their positions on four key issues:

Republicans and their positions on four key issues:

Legislative Branch/Congress:

House of Representatives:

Senate:

**Second Semester**

Executive Branch:

Formal powers and roles:

Informal powers and roles:

Qualifications to be President:

State of the Union Address:

The Cabinet (know the major departments):

Bully pulpit:

Limits on presidential power (formal and informal):

Media’s influence on the presidency:

**Elections:**

Electoral College and how it works:

Pros and cons of the Electoral College:

Campaign advertising strategies (ex. Glittering generalities):

Primaries and caucuses:

Nominating conventions:

Running mate:

General Election:

Swing states:

Political Action Committees/PACs:

**Judicial Branch:**

Supreme Court:

Original jurisdiction:

Appellate jurisdiction:

Judicial Review:

*Marbury v. Madison*:

Opinions (majority, concurring, dissenting):

Precedents:

Judicial restraint:

Judicial activism:

Landmark Supreme Court cases (list and explain 5):

Petitioner/respondent:

Elonis v. United States:

Establishment Clause:

Free Exercise Clause:

First Amendment:

Second Amendment:

Fourth Amendment:

Probable cause:

Fifth Amendment:

Due Process:

Self Incrimination:

Sixth Amendment:

Eighth Amendment:

Fourteenth Amendment:

Justices and their ideologies:

Importance of jury duty:

Voir dire:

**State and Local Government:**

Concurrent Powers:

Reserved Powers:

Delegated Powers:

Governor:

CT General Assembly:

What are some of the things your local government is responsible for doing?

Selectmen/town meeting:

**Political Culture:**

Special interest groups:

Lobbying/lobbyists:

“Revolving door”:

Know at least three different interest groups and their goals:

Pros and cons of lobbying:

**Economics and Media:**

Expenditure:

Revenue:

Surplus:

Balanced budget:

Debt:

Income tax:

Sales tax:

Excise tax/sin tax:

Estate tax/gift tax:

Progressive tax:

Regressive tax:

National Debt:

What are the largest expenditures in the federal and state government?

What is a graduate’s largest expenditure?

What are the largest sources of revenue at the federal and state levels?

Minimum Wage:

Media:

Media Bias:

News propaganda techniques:

Fox News:

MSNBC:

CNN:

**This study guide is just part of what you should study to prepare for the final exam. Look back at ALL of your previous study guides from the second quarter for a more thorough review. Also remember to look back at any current events we discussed in class. Good luck!**